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## Labour Law Gratuity may be raised

HIGHLIGHTS of the proposed amendments to the existing Kuwaiti Labour Law in the private sector include an increase in the amount of sick, annual and maternity leave. Further the proposed amendments recommended an increase in the end-of-service gratuities and reconsideration of the intention to terminate contracts with open validity.

The new recommendations stress the need for establishing a fixed minimum wage level, increasing the age level of juveniles and prevent recruitment in the labour force of juveniles who fall within the new age category. The new draft law enhanced the scope of application to cover existing labour laws to include labourers who work in establishments employing not more than five labourers.

It also has made provisions for addressing the existing loopholes in the existing labour law by recommending the banning of stoppage or declining to work, whether partially or totally during the course of negotiations intended to seek settlement of disputes arising from working conditions.

Under the new draft law, penalties for violations have been increased, and the addition of inspectors commissioned to ensure the applications of the law have been also recommended.

## Aquino lauds House

MANILA, Oct 17, (AP): President Corazon Aquino today hailed a decision by the lower house of Congress allowing Filipinos to vote on whether to allow the United States to keep military bases there.

But some senators condemned the move as unconstitutional.

The House of Representatives late yesterday unanimously approved a bill calling for a referendum after Filipino and American negotiators reach an agreement to extend the lease on the US facilities, which expires in Sept 1991.

Two-thirds of the Senate must approve any new agreement and the proposed referendum is seen as a means of pressuring members to ratify it. Twelve of the 23 senators oppose extension. Most surveys, however, show a majority of Filipinos support the bases.

"I have already said that I am in favour of public consultation on any treaty that might be forged between the US and the Philippines regarding the future of the US military facilities in the Philippines," Aquino said of the house action.

Sen. Ernesto Macea, chairman of the Senate Defence and National Security Committee, said the Senate had a "very clear position" that the proposed referendum was unconstitutional.

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Benazir arrives in Kuala Lumpur to attend C'wealth summit.

### Khar boost for Benazir

## Returns to fold

ISLAMABAD, Oct 17, (Reuter): Leading Pakistani opposition politician Ghulam Mustafa Khar made peace with Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto yesterday, three years after he left her party to help form a rival grouping.

"Even on a charitable assessment, the combined opposition is not capable of forming a stable administration," Khar told a news conference. "Sometimes it seems that it is combined only by hatred for the Bhutto name."

Khar said he had chosen to align himself with Benazir's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and would formally merge his faction of the small National People's Party with the PPP at a convention to be held later.

The former governor and chief minister of Pakistan's most populous province, Punjab, said he would work to reconcile the PPP and its opponents, to strengthen the country's democracy revived last year after 11 years of military rule.

Local political commentators say Benazir, who comes from the southern province of Sind, wants to use Khar's influence in Punjab to subdue her main rival, the present Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif of the Islamic Democratic Alliance.

A bomb killed one man and wounded three other people today in Karachi, where supporters of a separatist politician are staging a strike marked by violence, police said.

Pakistan today named Bashir Khan Babar, a career diplomat, as its new envoy to India.

### Indian troops begin pullout

BATTICALOA, Sri Lanka, Oct 17, (Agencies): Two hundred trucks carrying soldiers and equipment moved out of the eastern town of Batticaloa yesterday, signalling the start of the Indian troop withdrawal from Sri Lanka.

The trucks assembled in Batticaloa from different parts of the neighbouring Ampara district before heading out in convoy, residents said today.

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KUWAIT, Oct 17, (Reuter): Blasted by a bomb in Ankara yesterday, a junior Saudi diplomat became the latest casualty in a lethal war waged by shadowy foes against Riyadh.

The blood-stained pavement and the twisted metal of the diplomat's car in the Turkish capital marked at least the eighth violent attack on Saudi diplomacy in the last three years.

Riyadi condemned the Ankara car bombing and called for the swift arrest and punishment of

whoever was responsible.

Diplomats said the attacks have often not been directed at senior diplomats, but at more vulnerable "soft targets." The junior Ankara diplomat was an accountant at the Saudi military attaché office.

Last January, the third secretary at the Saudi embassy in Bangkok was shot in the head by an "Arab-looking killer." A week earlier a vice-consul in Karachi was shot and wounded in the

jaw.

A light-skinned gunman opened fire at close range on a car with Saudi diplomatic plates in the Nigerian capital Lagos in March 1988.

Three Arabic teachers in the car were injured. The assailant, armed with a pistol and silencer, made no attempt to steal the car or valuables.

The same month, dud grenades were found at the Saudi consulate in Bombay.

In August, 1987, a Pakistani secretary of the

its report that the US foreign merchandise trade deficit rose nearly \$31 per cent in August to \$10.77 billion from a revised July deficit of \$8.24 billion.

Many economists had expected the latest trade deficit to be about \$9 billion.

But analysts did not all agree that the "big trade deficit was a major factor in today's stock decline. Some noted that bonds and the dollar—which are most

sensitive to bad trade figures—held up relatively well in the early going.

The Federal Reserve, taking the lead in handling the government's market rescue efforts, pumped an additional \$1.5 billion into the US banking system today.

Banks will be able to use the new reserves to make loans, including coming to the assistance of brokerage firms caught in a crash squeeze because of the

drop in stock prices.

The new infusion of cash followed an increase of \$2 billion in reserves supplied by the central bank on Monday and came as the stock market was tumbling in reaction to a surprisingly bad economic report.

The government said the merchandise trade deficit in August widened dramatically to \$10.77 billion, the worst deficit since December of last

year.

Monday's gain was concentrated in blue-chip stocks, which benefited from a "flight to quality" by nervous investors. It came on trading volume of 416.29 million shares, the heaviest ever except for the week of the 1987 market crash. The index's gain was the fourth-biggest point gain, although it was not among the biggest percentage gainers.

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# Dow down, Fed pumps more cash

## European shares recover, US trade deficit rises by 31 per cent

NEW YORK, Oct 17, (Agencies): US stocks retreated today following two of the wildest sessions on Wall Street since the October 1987 market crash.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks was off 24.80 points at 2,632.58 as of 1 pm (1700 GMT), after spiking as much as 63 points down just 90 minutes earlier. Broader market indicators also fell.

European share prices ended mostly

higher today after seesawing uncertainly in active trading. The nervous European session followed good recoveries in Asia.

The Dow average had plummeted 190.58 points on Friday and then bounced back with a 88.12-point gain yesterday, leaving investors groping for stable ground.

The Commerce Department handed the market some bad news today with

## Libya, Egypt foes no longer

TOBRUK, Libya, Oct 17, (Reuters): Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, enemies for years, exchanged vows today to respect each other's laws, security and stability.

Mubarak, who began reconciliation talks with Khaddafi yesterday in the Egyptian coastal resort of Mersa Matruh, crossed the border today to make the first visit to Libya by an Egyptian President in 17 years.

"The two leaders made it clear that Egypt and Libya were starting a new chapter," Egyptian Information Minister Safwat Sharif told reporters.

He said both leaders stressed their eagerness for each other's security and stability and the importance of respecting laws in each country.

Dressed in a Western-style white suit and black shirt, Khaddafi hugged Mubarak on his arrival at the coastal town of Tobruk about 130 km (70 miles) west of the border.

Thousands of Libyans chanted "One people, not two, from Marrakesh to Bahrain" as Khaddafi led Mubarak into a bedouin-style tent for almost three hours of talks.

Even Mubarak, in response to the "one people" theme, had to answer "yes— one people."

But diplomats say the Egyptian leader, known for his cautious, steady style, is expected to move slowly in search of tangible results rather than allowing old dreams of a union between the two countries to be resurrected.

Libya and Syria are the only Arab countries which have not yet restored ties with Egypt, broken in 1979 after Cairo's peace treaty with Israel.

There has been no move yet to restore diplomatic ties but the talks mark the end of almost two decades of hostility which included in a brief border war in 1977.

Khaddafi met Mubarak in May when Egypt returned to its place at an Arab League summit.

In comments yesterday, Khaddafi also indicated that he had dropped a long-standing claim to Egypt's western desert.

"This soil is Arab soil. It is Libya and Egyptian people and soil," he told reporters.

The last Egyptian president to visit Libya was Mubarak's predecessor, Anwar Sadat, who travelled to Benghazi to discuss a merger of the two countries.

According to Sharif, Mubarak and Khaddafi also discussed agricultural co-operation, a possible connection of their power grids and the rights of migrant workers.

Before relations soured, hundreds of thousands of Egyptians abandoned overcrowding and unemployment at home in search of work in sparsely-populated Libya.

# Indian polls set for November

## Rajiv hands forced: Bombay market panicky

NEW DELHI, Oct 17, (Agencies): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, dogged by charges of inept leadership and government corruption, today called for new parliamentary elections to be held next month.

Voting in the world's largest democracy will start Nov 22 and continue through Nov 24, Chief Election Commissioner R.V.S. Persad told a news conference.

He said subsequent dates would be announced if two days appear insufficient.

Bombay stock prices tumbled on the news. One dealer said: "It was a stroke out of the blue and the immediate reaction was panic."

Bombay brokers said nobody expected polls in November and charges of corruption against the government had focused attention on the uncertainties ahead.

For the first time 35 million 18-to 20-year-olds will be able to vote, but few analysts will predict who will gain most from the increase in the electorate.

"The National Front and the Janata Dal are fully prepared to meet the challenge posed to the future of the nation by a corrupt, inept and treacherous regime headed by a totally venal and amoral individual," Singh told a news conference.

Singh, who once belonged to Rajiv's Congress Party and served as his defence and finance minister, said he would ask the Election Commission to set elections for early December.

The process for calling elections was set in motion this morning when Rajiv summoned his cabinet.

The decision came rather abruptly as Rajiv cancelled plans to attend this week's Commonwealth summit in Malaysia.

The 45-year-old prime minister has been dogged for the past two years by opposition and newspaper charges that people close to him or his Congress Party received kickbacks paid by the Swedish arms company, AB Bofors.

At stake are 542 seats in the Lok Sabha, Parliament's policy-making lower house.

Because of the vastness of this country of 880 million people, elections normally are conducted over a period of several days.

Rajiv's Congress Party won 415 seats in the last elections, conducted in December 1984 two months after his mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was assassinated by two of her Sikh bodyguards.

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Veteran opposition leader Devi Lal said the main opposition group had done all its groundwork.

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India's Chief Election Commissioner Persad announces national elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Amnesty: ban death penalty

### Indian executions arbitrary

NEW DELHI, Oct 17, (UPI): Amnesty International today urged the Indian government to abolish capital punishment, charging that some execution decisions appeared to be arbitrary, that most of those condemned are poor and illiterate and some could be innocent.

"The Indian constitution protects the right to life. Yet on average, over a dozen Indians are executed every year for criminal offences," the London-based human rights group said in a report on capital punishment in the world's most populous democracy.

The report cited studies that showed that execution "in India, as in other countries, is not known to have a special deterrent effect" in violent crime.

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International urges the government not to carry out further executions, to restrict the number of offences carrying the death penalty, and to remove the possibility that offenders younger than 18 years old when they committed the offence can be executed," it continued.

The report noted that many prominent Indians have urged abolition of the death penalty. They included the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi who said she personally opposed capital punishment, although her government never made any move to abandon it.

Amnesty International cited a number of factors behind its call for abolition of capital punishment, which in India is carried out by hanging. Lower court sentences can be automatically appealed to higher tribunals.

On the issue of appeals, the report focused on series of cases that illustrated a lack of uniformity and "apparent arbitrariness" in judicial judgements.

The radio said all criminals sentenced before Oct 18 will be covered by the decree issued by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

But the decree "excludes those convicted of capital crimes such as grand embezzlement, taking large bribes, usurping or looting state property, robbery, drug-related crimes and membership in outlawed political groups," the radio said.

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Saudi consulate in Karachi was shot in the thigh.

In Beirut, a Saudi diplomat was kidnapped then later released in early 1987, followed a few months later by the bombing there of the Saudi cultural centre.

Saudi Arabian airlines offices have been bombed in Kuwait, Frankfurt, twice in Karachi, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Beirut and New Delhi.

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## Rajiv had no option but polls

### Bofors scandal the focus

NEW DELHI, Oct 17. (Reuter): A billion-dollar arms scandal and the defeat of a populist measure to devolve power to village councils forced Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today to recommend November elections, politicians said.

Rajiv could have held the elections as late as January, but after a full cabinet meeting in New Delhi the Election Commission announced they would be held on Nov 22 and 24.

"He had no choice but to quickly have the elections in order to contain the damage caused by the revelations on Bofors," said Lal Krishan Advani, president of the rightwing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Newspaper revelations in the past week have revived allegations that Sweden's Bofors company paid kickbacks to secure a \$1.3 billion contract for artillery.

The allegations, denied by Rajiv and Bofors, have tarnished the image he had as a clean politician when he came to power in Oct 31, 1984 — the day his mother, Indira Gandhi, was assassinated.

"Corruption is the main issue in this election, not the sympathy wave for his mother which got him a landslide in the last (Dec 27, 1984) general elections," said Advani.

For Rajiv, a victory could depend on convincing voters that the opposition acted against the best interests of ordinary Indians when it defeated two government bills in the Upper House on Friday.

The bills, to devolve power from state government and New Delhi to village and town councils, failed by narrow margins to secure a two-thirds majority needed to amend the constitution.

"Naturally (the defeat) was a good time to announce the elections," said Advani.

Nearly 80 per cent of India's 800 million people live in rural areas and their support is vital to whomsoever forms the next government.

"It is a master stroke. We were under pressure from newspaper reports last week making strong allegations against the government on Bofors. Now the Congress has found an issue to counter the opposition strategy," said Rajiv aide.

Political analysts said Rajiv could also hope to stir up popular sentiment because a series of emotive dates linked with his mother and grandfather fall just before the poll. His grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru, was India's first prime minister.

Nov 14 is the 100th anniversary of Nehru's birth, and five days later is the birthday of Indira Gandhi. Such days are important in India and are often used for emotional political rallies.

Rajiv was also hoping to catch the opposition by surprise and reduce the time it has to agree seat adjustments.

A surge in violence involving India's majority Hindus and 100 million Muslims in the past month has complicated the seat adjustments for the traditionally fragmented opposition.

The main National Front alliance is now split over an understanding with Advani over the BJP's support for militant Hindus determined to start building near a shrine in northern India that is also claimed by Muslims.

But a leader of the main opposition Janata Dal Party, Devi Lal, said the combined opposition would agree to put up a single candidate in at least 90 per cent of seats.

The most crucial area electorally will be the northern Hindi-speaking belt that controls nearly half the total 545 seats in the Lower House.

Expectations that an election date would be set soon rose when Parliament adjourned its monsoon session Friday night. The next step is the dissolution of Parliament by President Ramaswamy Venkataraman, whose largely ceremonial post is awarded by the prime minister's cabinet.

Once Parliament is dissolved, the election commission must set a date to vote for new legislators.

"If the Congress-I (the I stands for Rajiv's predecessor and mother, Indira Gandhi) so far lacked a catchy election slogan, it now has one because, in rural and urban India, great expectations had been roused that the Panchayati Raj and local self-government institutions would be democratised and revitalised," the Hindustan Times said in a front-page story on Saturday.

Rajiv and his Congress party billed Panchayati Raj as a power-to-the-people programme, but the opposition maintained it was actually designed to strip state governments of their power and extend federal control to local levels.

Vishwanath Pratap Singh, Rajiv's foremost political foe, said on Friday the National Front coalition of opposition parties would come up with its own — and "much better" — Panchayati Raj bill.

Singh, who once belonged to Rajiv's Congress Party and served as his defence and finance minister, now heads the Janata Dal (People's Party) and is the National Front's "convenor," a top position. It is indicative of the coalition's internal rivalries and its need to placate egos that it also has a chairman and a president.

## Philippines dismisses 34 drug officers

MANILA, Oct 17. (AP): The military's Drug Enforcement Agency today sacked 34 officers and enlisted men after a Filipino senator charged that narcotics investigators were protecting drug lords.

In addition, Brig. Gen. Pantaleon Dumla, chief of the criminal investigation service and former head of the narcotics command, announced today he was going on leave, according to members of his staff.

Dumla was the highest ranking of 19 officials Sen. Ernesto Herrera accused of "coddling" drug

syndicates.

Col. Virgilio David, current narcotics command chief, told reporters the 34 dismissed officials included a lieutenant colonel, nine other officers and 24 enlisted men assigned to his unit.

All were assigned to the narcotics command. David said they would be transferred to other units outside the Manila area "to fight the NPA."

Dumla has denied links to drug dealers. He offered to go on leave but was overruled by Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, chief of the Philippine Con-

stabulary, which includes the narcotics command.

But members of Dumla's staff said he told them today that he had been ordered to go on leave by President Corazon Aquino.

In a speech on Friday before the Senate, Herrera charged that corrupt military officers had undermined the government's campaign against illegal drugs.

"What hope is there of our ever being able to control, much less solve, this national crisis?" Herrera asked. He also threatened to release names

of civilian officials linked to the drug trade despite death threats against him.

On Monday, the 3,000-member Officer Corps of the Philippine Constabulary, which has a dual role as a police and military force, called for an investigation of alleged corruption to clear the branch's reputation.

The commission on immigration and deportation says the Philippines had become a major center for drug traffic and a transit point for smuggling operations throughout the Far East.



Atlantis Pilot McCulley (right) gives a thumbs up to NASA workers as the crew leaves headquarters today. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Atlantis launch delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Oct 17. (Agencies): Bad weather today postponed the launch of the space shuttle Atlantis, which was to have sent a multi-billion-dollar spacecraft on an exploratory voyage to Jupiter.

In keeping the shuttle grounded at least for the day, nature accomplished what opponents of the mission could not through court challenges and street demonstrations over the plutonium fuel aboard the Jupiter probe.

Space agency officials, who mounted an unprecedented security operation to prevent protesters from halting the planned launch, said they would try again tomorrow.

NASA had only a 26-minute period, beginning at 12:57 pm (1957 GMT), during which earth and Jupiter were in proper alignment for a launch. When time ran out, the launch was halted for the day.

Liftoff was called off at 1:18 pm (1718 GMT) because of rain showers through which the shuttle would pass if it had to make an emergency landing.

Officials said rain hitting a descending shuttle could severely damage the fragile fiberglass tiles that protect the vehicle from heat during re-entry from orbit.

NASA said that if it decided to launch the shuttle tomorrow, liftoff could take place between 12:50 pm (1650 GMT) and 1:17 pm (1717 GMT).

Today's countdown began normally as the launch team pumped more than half a million gallons (1.8 million litres) of liquid oxygen and hydrogen into Atlantis' external tanks.

ROME, Oct 17. (AP): The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation marked its ninth World Food Day yesterday with calls to protect the environment while using the earth's resources to feed the poor.

FAO's director-general Edouard Saouma said there is a "fundamental paradox" between providing sufficient food to humanity and safeguarding the environment.

In developed countries, pesticides and fertilisers have polluted air, earth and water, while developing countries have overexploited their natural resources in order to feed a steadily growing population, Saouma said.

President George Bush joined in honouring the late Congressman Mickey Leland and others for their efforts in fighting world hunger, marking World Food Day.

## 10 hurt in scuffles

## Dhaka strike

DHAKA, Oct 17. (Reuter): At least 10 people were hurt in scuffles between police and pickets as trade unions in Bangladesh launched a 48-hour nation-wide strike today to back pay demands.

The stoppage took hold despite a government call to halt the action, saying such "mindless agitation wreaks disaster on the national economy."

Banks, shops and business houses across the country were shut for the strike, called by the Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (Skop), an umbrella organisation for the country's 46 trade unions.

Most roads were empty of traffic except for some government buses that moved under police escort. Train and ferry services were suspended and airlines operated with delays, officials said.

In Dhaka, hundreds of government officials trudged through the streets to reach their offices. Some employees also took government-provided transport.

Police said 10 people, including a policeman, were hurt in clashes near the Farm Gate area after pickets tried to damage government vehicles carrying staff to work. Six people were later arrested.

It was the fifth general strike in three months.

Skop leaders said they were forced to call the stoppage after the government ignored their demands for minimum basic wages of \$45 per month and home rent allowances of 60 per cent of wages.

The government said a national strike was suicidal for a country with an annual per capita income of \$170.

## Bingo Day 1

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## Jerry takes 2 lives

GALVESTON, Texas, Oct 17. (AP): Hurricane Jerry raked the southern US coast yesterday with 80-mile-(129-km) per-hour winds, spurning a half-dozen tornadoes, blacking out homes and killing two people before losing its punch.

Authorities urged thousands of people in Louisiana to seek higher ground as the late-season storm moved north through east Texas. More tornadoes and up to 5 inches (12 cm) of rain were possible, the national weather service said.

By 5 am (1000 GMT) the storm, which had been a tropical depression with winds of 35 miles (56 km) per hour, was centered 35 miles (56 km) east-southeast of Lufkin, near 31.2 degrees north latitude and 94.2 degrees west longitude. It was moving northeast at 17 miles (27 km) per hour and was expected to continue in that direction and weaken further.

As the hurricane blew into Galveston from the Gulf of Mexico, it uprooted trees, smashed windows and tore several balconies from an apartment building, but damage overall was limited.

## Waldheim not responsible but probably was aware of executions: report

LONDON, Oct 17. (AP): The Ministry of Defence has concluded that Austrian President Kurt Waldheim was not responsible for the executions of six British commandos in World War II, although he probably was aware of them, Britain's House of Commons was told.

Waldheim, a former UN secretary-general, had been accused of complicity in the murders of the British troops captured off the Turkish coast in April 1944.

The troops were taken to Arsaliki near Saloni, Greece for interrogation at the

headquarters of the intelligence unit of the German army group E, where Waldheim was a junior intelligence officer.

The six commandos of the special boat squadron refused to talk, and were later shot by a firing squad in a suburb of Athens. Under the Geneva Convention it is a crime to kill prisoners of war.

The ministry's report is based on the work of a 16-member team which examined British records and documents

provided by the United States, West Germany and Greece.

An international commission of historians which probed Waldheim's army career reported in February 1988 that the general "W" was on transcripts of interrogations of the six men.

However, the commission said it would not prove a connection between Waldheim and the commandos, though it suggested he knew they were shot by the Gestapo.

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# Nancy shaped Moscow, US ties

NEW YORK, Oct 17. (Reuter): Nancy Reagan's personal astrologer said yesterday that she helped shape US-Soviet relations through her reading of Kremlin Leader Mikhail Gorbachev's horoscope and claimed she set the date for the signing of the 1987 INF Medium-Range Nuclear Missile Treaty.

"I'm a very good technical astrologer and I know how to schedule times," the astrologer, Joan Quigley said in an interview on the CBS evening news which estimated that Mrs Reagan paid Quigley \$3,000 a month for her services.

Mrs Reagan writes in her book "My Turn: The Memoirs of Nancy Reagan." Excerpts to which were published in the current edition of *Newsweek*, that she began consulting Quigley after Reagan was shot in 1981.

She acknowledged that it eventually became a habit and finally "an enormous embarrassment" to her husband.

Quigley told CBS she had set the times for "almost all" of Reagan's speeches and for the takeoffs and landings of the presidential jet.

"I also affected, definitely, the relationship between the super-powers because of my reading of Gorbachev's horoscope. The minute I read it I knew that I had to change the evil empire attitude," she said.

Before ties between Washington and Moscow warmed under Gorbachev's policies of economic and political reform, Reagan had publicly branded the Soviet Union as an "evil empire" and arch-enemy of the free world.

"I talked with Nancy for two or three hours convincing her that Gorbachev was intelligent, open to new ideas, and that he had a vision like Reagan did," Quigley said.

She added that her reading of Gorbachev's horoscope enabled her to determine that the Soviet leader and Reagan "had a fantastic chemistry between them."

Quigley said she would "pick the times that they (the Reagans) did things of great importance."

"It's very important when something like the INF treaty was designed, to do it at a good time," she said.

Reagan and Gorbachev signed the INF treaty at a Washington summit in December 1987.

# Bush in a fix on abortion

WASHINGTON, Oct 17. (AP): US President George Bush has abandoned a last-ditch effort to reach a compromise with Congress on expanding conditions under which the federal government would pay for abortions.

A veto of the provision, which has already passed the house of representatives, appeared inevitable.

"It's our judgement at this time that no one has been able to provide a convincing reason for the president to change his position opposing such funds," presidential spokesman Marin Fitzwater said late yesterday.

Fitzwater said Bush's position on the bill is consistent, although it has changed somewhat since he first ran for president in 1980.

Bush, he said, opposes abortion except in the cases of rape, incest or when the pregnancy endangers the mother's life. But he supports federal financing of abortions only in cases where the mother's life is in danger.

In the compromise negotiations, Bush was looking for what one White House official, insisting on anonymity, called "legislative wizardry or gimmickery" that would have allowed the president to avoid vetoing the provision.

Fitzwater said talks included a proposal that Bush sign the legislation while announcing government regulations requiring stricter reporting requirements. Those requirements would be aimed at preventing women from claiming they had been victims of rape or incest merely as a way of obtaining a federally paid abortion.

The debate concerned a funding bill that includes provisions for dropping a decade-long ban on paying for abortions for poor women in cases of rape or incest. Currently, the government pays for abortions only in cases where the mother's life is endangered by her pregnancy.

The house surprised anti-abortion leaders last week by approving the provision on rape and incest. The Senate has passed the provisions earlier.

# Anything relaxed, flowing is in, power dressing is out

## UK designers loosen up their styles

LONDON, Oct 17. (AP): British designers abandoned power dressing in their first collections for the 1990s, some returning to the wacky madness that made London fashions famous and others launching the decade in a relaxed, flowing style.

After putting women in status-conscious, super-structured clothes with big, padded shoulders for several years, British designers have followed Milan in loosening up their styles for next summer.

But there's no uniform look and individuality remains the key fashion word in the British collections, being shown here through today.

"I would say it's anything flows in the 1990s and super-structure is out," said Bernie Ozer, vice-president of AMC Corp., a New York buying company.

The big names in British fashion — Rifat Ozbek, Arabella Polson, Bruce Edina Ronay and Bellville Sassen — turned out some beautiful clothes. But the big news was in the youth market, where there was a revival of kooky, fun and sometimes off-the-wall clothes.

"The street look here has always been good," Ozer said. "Sometimes it's fashionable to like it. Sometimes it's unfashionable to like it. It's now in fashion."

Bodymap did their first catwalk show in three years on the theme "Life Is," featuring rock stars, drag queens, mini-skirts with plants and roses, Victorian-style bathing suits and one-shoulder cruise suits.

Red or dead's space-baby collection, which admittedly looks at the future with

"tongue firmly in cheek," was a hit with buyers.

It features see-through plastics applied with a logo of a smiling space-baby in a plastic helmet, micro shorts, skirts and jackets cut away to reveal flesh — the skirts with two waistbands and two transparent space-baby belts.

"It's just a fresh approach rather than all the power-dressing that's been around for years," said 28-year-old co-owner Wayne Hemingway.

Vivienne Westwood, the 48-year-old godmother of British fashion innovation who instituted the punk cult during the 1970s and is a nominee for designer of the year, showed her collection "Britain must go pagan" last evening.

It certainly was not for anyone with an extra ounce of fat, featuring very sexy

body-clinging catsuits, one-shoulder mummy-style knit mini-dresses, and skimpy shorts, one pair with an outrageous gold phallus.

Pam Hogg, a young Scottish designer, did her first solo collection, another very sexy show with bra-like belts, leggins and skin-tight bustier tops, lace-up corsets, and clinging trousers with stretch patent leather in back and a series of straps in front with a bikini peeping through.

Much of the attention focused on the six contenders for the designer of the year award, which will be presented tonight by Princess Diana.

Rifat Ozbek, last year's winner and a hot contender again this year, abandoned his love of colour for a stunning all-white collection called "new age Nirvana."

### PEOPLE AND PLACES

JAKARTA: Health officials have gone on national television to urge people to turn in any cookies suspected of being part of batches containing poison that had claimed at least 37 lives in Indonesia.

About 25 tonnes of cookies were mistakenly baked with poisonous sodium nitrate and distributed on the islands of Java, Bali and Kalimantan but authorities so far have been able to locate about 10 tonnes of the deadly snacks, leaving 15 tonnes still on the market.

At least 37 people — most of them children — have died from eating the cookies since September, officials said Tuesday.

Health Minister Dr Adhyatma appeared on state-run television for the past three nights urging shops still stocking the contaminated brands of cookies to turn them over to the nearest authorities. (UPI)

PHILADELPHIA: A man shot his ex-girlfriend and their two children to death, set fire to the house and killed himself, police said. A device resembling a bomb was found in the gunman's pocket.

The device, discovered after the gunman's body was taken to the medical examiner's office, prompted the evacuation of the office for about an hour while a bomb squad removed it.

David Wright, 37, apparently broke into the house before dawn Monday, shot Agnes Rivera, 29, and two children, set the fire and committed suicide. Lt Joseph W. Witts said.

Neighbours and relatives said there had been tension between Wright and Ms Rivera for some time. (UPI)

WASHINGTON: The marine drill instructor in Platoon 1066, I would like to correct a misconception you may have about words written on our basic warrior training guidon flag," said Staff Sgt R.C. Kirkpatrick in his letter.

"These words, 'rape, kill, pillage and burn' were certainly not an expression of my true beliefs or an official marine corps slogan."

The letter, dated Oct 6, was sent to all of the approximately 70 men in the platoon from Parris Island, south Carolina, Capt J.R. McB. public affairs officer at the Parris Island base, said Monday. (AP)

WASHINGTON: An experimental Aids vaccine has been found for the first time to stimulate the disease-fighting immune system of individuals infected with the Aids virus, the vaccine's maker reported on Monday.

The new finding is the first evidence that individuals already infected with the Aids virus HIV may benefit from vaccination before the appearance of disease symptoms.

"The ability to modify the human immune response to HIV in patients who are chronically infected with HIV has been clearly demonstrated," said Franklin Vowels, chairman of the US-based Microgenetics Inc.

"We are very excited about it and very encouraged by it. We are very hopeful that we now have the means of providing a non-toxic treatment for early-stage Aids patients," Vowels said in a telephone interview. (Reuters)

NEW YORK: Award-winning author Scott O'Dell, who wrote "Island of the Blue Dolphins" and 25 other children's books, has died. He was 91.

He died Sunday of prostate cancer at the northern Westchester Hospital Centre in Mount Kisco near New York City.

O'Dell had written five books for adults before he turned to historical fiction for children.

"The only reason I write is to say something," he said in a 1984 interview. "I've forsaken adults because they're not going to change, though they may try awfully hard. But children can and do change."

O'Dell's books, which often featured female protagonists, won numerous awards. (AP)

### Lottery madness

## Printer: culprit

OSLO, Norway, Oct 17. (AP): Winners shrieked with joy while a charity organization howled in despair this weekend because its fund-raising lottery turned far too many Norwegians into millionaires.

A shipment of lottery tickets for the Norwegian Association for the Blind was to contain five winners of one million kroner (\$143,000) each. But as many as 50 people may claim the top prize, reported the newspaper Dagbladet.

Andi Ilsevag, the association's general manager, blamed a printing error and hoped the printer will cover the unplanned prizes. The total number of winners is still not known.

In the cities of Bergen and Trondheim, traditionally reserved Norwegians stormed outlets in hopes of buying a winning ticket, reported Dagbladet. In Bergen, a 22-year-old won repeatedly for a total of 3.3 million kroner (\$471,000).

"People were buying hundreds and hundreds of kroner worth of tickets. I asked them if they won and they just laughed at me," Hildur Lornas, 60, told the newspaper Verdens Gang (VG).

"I feel sorry for the association," said Lornas, who also won a million.

### Stung to death

## Man dies

LAGOS, Nigeria, Oct 17. (AP): A church leader was stung to death by a swarm of bees while officiating at a service Sunday at Ijape in Kwaara state in central Nigeria. Radio Nigeria reported yesterday.

The radio said scores of worshippers were stung while fleeing the swarm, which invaded the church after a farmer disturbed their hive.

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## Accord on ivory ban but 5 ignore

LAUSANNE, Oct. 17, (AP): Delegates from 91 nations agreed yesterday to halt trade in ivory, but five African countries immediately declared they would continue selling it anyway.

A last-minute proposal, which passed 76-11 with 4 abstentions, placed African elephants on the endangered list and allowed South African nations to apply for exemptions to a special panel of experts.

The vote came during a 10-day meeting of the convention on trade in endangered species. It prompted a loud cheer from environmentalists and delegates who pushed for a ban in an effort to save Africa's dwindling elephant population.

The measure must be confirmed in a plenary session before the session ends on Friday but delegates called that only a formality.

It amounts to at least a two-year ban, since no exemptions are likely to be considered before the group's next meeting.

"We think this was a good compromise, a place to work from," said Conny Harriman, head of the US delegation which championed East Africa's bid for a total ban.

"This is the best we could do, now we must try to work together," said Costa May, Tanzania's director of wildlife.

But Roman Martin, director of research for Zimbabwe's wildlife department was bitter.

"They forced seven countries who seemed to be doing well at conservation out of the convention," he said.

But the organisation's rules, members can declare reservations within 90 days allowing them to trade with any other reserving states in the group, or with countries outside it.

Zimbabwe, Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana and Burundi said they would file reservations.

Japan, which has regularly consumed about 40 per cent of world ivory exports, declined comment on its position.

"Our attitude will be determined in Tokyo," Kiyohiko Arafumi, the acting delegation head, told reporters.

Martin said southern Africans would have no trouble finding markets even without Japan.

"That's the crazy part," he said. "There are 67 non-parties to the convention. Think of all those Arab states that would be happy to take over all that trade."

Hong Kong said today it would abide by a total ban on the world ivory trade even though the government believes such a ban may encourage more elephant poaching.

Deputy director of the Hong Kong agriculture and fisheries department Tony Bennett said decision by an international conference of 76 nations in support of a total moratorium made it likely the ban would be formally adopted by the United Nations.

## 35 killed in Peru violence

LIMA, Oct. 17, (AP): Thirty people, including women and children, were killed in a guerrilla ambush of two trucks carrying soldiers and civilians in Peru's northeastern jungle, police said yesterday.

In other attacks, Shining Path rebels killed three village council members in Munani, 615 miles (990 kms) southeast of Lima, and two peasants in the village of Chongos Bajos, 140 miles (230 kms) east of the capital.

The attacks and the ambush continued a wave of violence that has taken the lives of 215 people in October.

Police said 17 civilians, including some women and children, 10 guerrillas and three soldiers were killed when rebels hidden in the jungle on both sides of the road ambushed the two trucks near the town of Tocache, 260 miles (430 kms) northeast of Lima.

## Victim families win case

### Court rules against Pan Am

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17, (AP): The US Supreme Court yesterday refused to free Pan American World Airways from having to pay \$951,500 plus interest to two families of 1974 crash victims.

The justices, without comment, left intact the awards stemming from the April 22, 1974, crash in Indonesia of a Pan Am plane flying from Hong Kong to Los Angeles. All 96 passengers and 11 crew members died in the accident.

Lawyers for Pan Am say the airline's liability should not have exceeded \$75,000

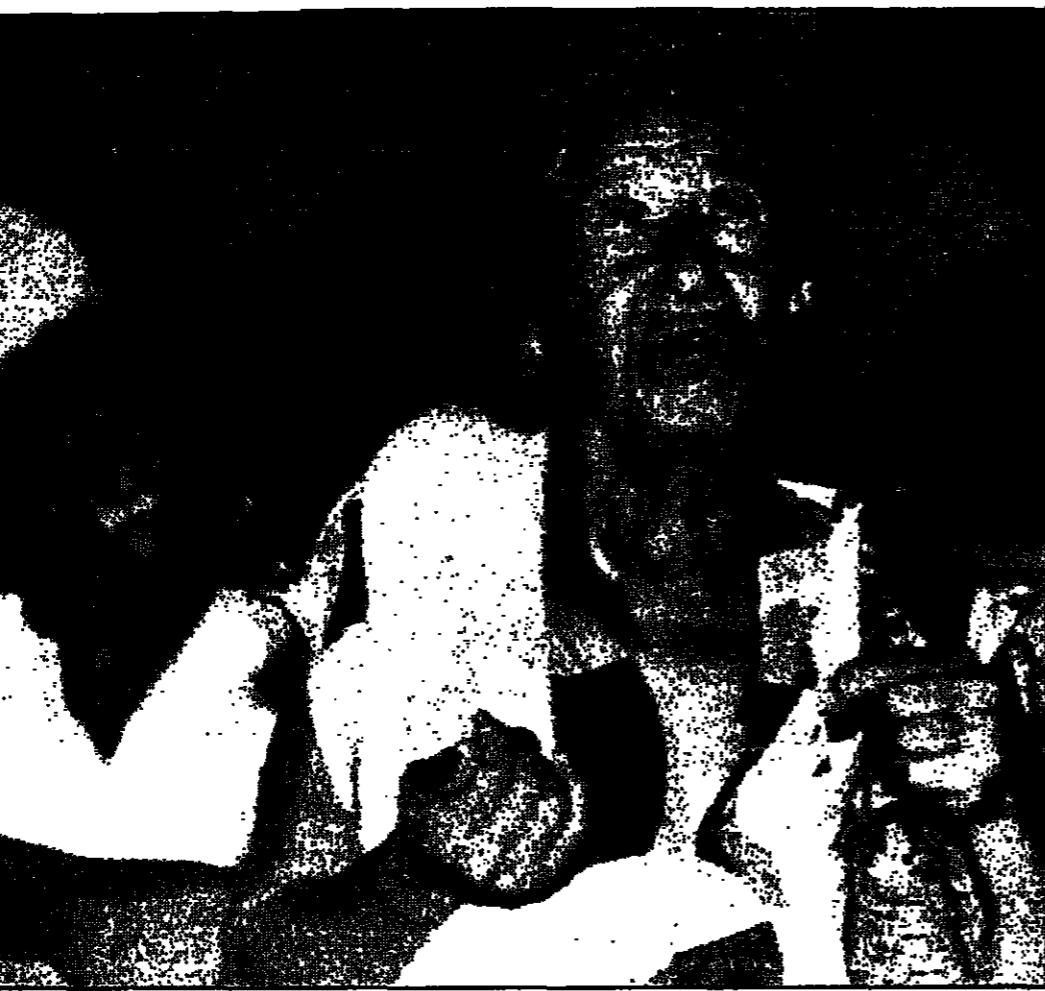
per victim. Numerous lawsuits were filed after the crash, and all but three cases were settled. The unsettled suits centred on the deaths of John and Virginia Causey of the United States, and John Ryder, identified in court documents only as a citizen of Australia.

Treaties set the \$75,000-per-passenger liability limit for deaths in international flight crashes. But the Causey and Ryder families contended that the limit should not apply because Pan Am had been guilty of willful misconduct.

A federal jury in California concluded that the airline had committed willful misconduct by entrusting the flight to an incompetent pilot.

The Causey family was awarded \$300,000 in damages; the Ryder family \$651,500.

In the appeal lawyers for Pan Am said a special report compiled by the federal aviation administration after its investigation of the Pan Am crash in Indonesia and earlier accidents wrongly was admitted as trial evidence.



Praying for peace

A Salvadoran woman prays during an ecumenical church service held in the Central Cathedral, San Salvador. The service, held in support of the dialogue between FMLN and the ARENA govern-

ment, was part of an all-night vigil to show support for a negotiated solution to the 10-year-old civil war. (Reuter wirephoto)

### Salvadoran talks open

## Rebels reject peace offer

MORAVIA, Costa Rica, Oct. 17, (AP): El Salvador's leftist guerrillas rejected a government peace proposal as talks opened on ending that country's 10-year-old civil war, saying the offer was a call for surrender.

News of the deadlock leaked yesterday when both sides took a break in negotiations and talked to reporters.

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### Policemen on strike

LIMA, Oct. 17, (AP): Hundreds of policemen walked off their jobs yesterday in this violence-plagued capital, and at least one man was reportedly killed in a shootout between strikers and a police patrol.

Strikers outside the police headquarters in downtown Lima clashed with officers leaving the building to patrol

the city early yesterday. The two groups exchanged punches, fired pistols into the air and lobbed tear-gas grenades at one another, witnesses said.

Picture shows members of the Peruvian special forces stand guard near police headquarters. (Reuter wirephoto)

summit last week of endorsing direct US intervention against Noriega. They still stand for the return of the Panama Canal by the United States to Panama in the year 2000.

And history shows that in the cases of Trujillo and Castro, regional pressure had little effect. Trujillo resisted denunciations from elsewhere in Latin America until he was assassinated in 1965 in a plot organised by some of his own generals. Castro is still in power in Cuba.

Eleven Latin American leaders, meeting last week in this desert city 180 miles (300 kilometres) southeast of Lima, condemned "the continued lack of democracy and human rights violations" in Panama.

Peruvian President Alan Garcia, who two years ago extended the red carpet to Noriega when he visited Lima, has turned into one of the most vocal critics of the Pan-

amanian general.

Addressing the opening session of the meeting, Garcia said he was using the occasion "to express publicly the Peruvian people's and the Peruvian government's repudiation and condemnation of the military dictatorship."

Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez, who once maintained warm relations with Noriega, called his regime "a masked dictatorship."

Peruvian Foreign Minister Guillermo Larco Cox said, "we cannot allow a country like Panama that scoffs at and ridicules the democratic system to continue with us."

## Panama axes disloyal workers

PANAMA CITY, Oct. 17, (AP): The Panamanian government started pruning the public payroll of allegedly disloyal workers yesterday while Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega continued restructuring the military.

Noriega blamed close collaborators to several posts over the weekend, including many important jobs, including that of chief of intelligence, which remained open.

The former head of intelligence, Col. Guillermo Wong, was among those arrested after a botched Oct. 3 coup, and the failure to name a new director suggested Noriega might be having trouble finding enough trustworthy senior officers to fill out the command structure.

Planning and Economic Policy Minister Gustavo Gonzalez told journalists there would be no "massive firings" of public employees, but added that the public payroll must be reduced.

"We do not have a budget," Gonzalez told reporters during a luncheon with the Bankers Association. "We are operating on a cash flow basis and that flow is now about 50 per cent of what it was two years ago."

Embargo Panama's economy has been hurt badly by a US economic embargo imposed after Noriega was indicted on US drug trafficking and money laundering charges in February 1988.

Noriega claims the charges and the coup attempt are part of a US plot to remove him and retain control of the Panama canal, due to be turned over to Panama at the end of 1999.

Bankers Association president Edgardo Lasso said lack of confidence caused by the sanctions and political instability had caused an unprecedented recession.

Gonzalez said high level public officials had suffered salary reductions ranging from 20 to 30 per cent. "That includes General Noriega," he said.

One public employee told journalists on condition of anonymity that she and four others had been accused of "conspiring against the state" and were fired.

Government officials, including Noriega, who controls the government through command of the Panamanian Defence Forces, urged the dismissal of public employees who celebrated or showed disloyalty while the attempted coup was in process.

New "war laws" announced by Noriega following the coup included disloyalty among the reasons for dismissal of public employees.

Meanwhile, the government announced that a special International Monetary Fund mission would come to Panama to evaluate the country's situation and study measures the government is considering to improve the economic situation.

Panama's foreign debt now stands at \$3.8 billion. The country is \$1.2 billion in arrears in interest and principal payments.

The arrests of Wong and three others on the general staff following the coup indicated widespread dissatisfaction with Noriega in the Defence Forces. Many of Noriega's new appointments were relatively junior officers that have worked with him in the past.

Capt. Rafael Gaytan, who for the past two years had been director of Noriega's personal security, was named director of the Special Anti-Terrorist Forces, an elite unit that reportedly was blocked by US forces from coming to Noriega's aid in the day of the coup.

However, there have been reports that the anti-terrorist unit, like other units, had not moved quickly enough or had "hesitated" to see which way the coup would go before intervening.

Capt. Rafael Cedeno, another officer close to Noriega, was named deputy director of intelligence. Cedeno has worked closely with Noriega since the early 80s.

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Top: Partial view of the destroyed Colombian daily Vanguardia Liberal Oct. 16. Over 50 kilos of dynamite left in a car in front of the paper killed four people and caused extensive damage. Bottom: Clean up crews remove debris from the destroyed paper office. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Bogota judge gunned down

### Newspaper office bombed

BOGOTA, Oct. 17, (AP): A federal judge was gunned down today as he waited on a Medellin street corner for a ride to work, and an anonymous caller reportedly said drug traffickers killed him in retaliation for extraditions to the United States.

Judge Hector Jimenez Rodriguez was shot six times by a passenger on a motorcycle.

The gunman got off the motorcycle, walked up to Jimenez and shot him, the Colombian radio chain Caracol quoted witnesses as saying in Medellin, the base of the country's most notorious cocaine cartels.

There had been doubts that Vanguardia Liberal would be able to publish today. The newspaper publishes 24 pages each day. The car bomb wrecked its building in northeastern Colombia.

The attack on Vanguardia was the second major bombing of a newspaper since the government began its crackdown. A car bomb seriously damaged the El Espectador offices in Bogota last month. The paper's directors have said since that it is near bankruptcy.

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## Latin America isolating Panama, turning Noriega into an outcast

ICA, Peru, Oct. 17, (AP): Latin American countries, enjoying an unusual wave of civilian rule, are turning Panama's Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega into an outcast in a region long ruled by repressive military regimes.

But whether this open rejection can contribute to Noriega's downfall from power is questionable.

The widespread criticism and isolation of one nation's de facto ruler by other Latin American leaders hasn't been seen since Rafael Leonidas Trujillo, dictator of the Dominican Republic, and Cuba's Fidel Castro received similar treatment in the early 1960s. No pro-Noriega voices are being heard.

But the Latin American leaders stopped short at a

summit last week of endorsing direct US intervention against Noriega. They still stand for the return of the Panama Canal by the United States to Panama in the year 2000.

And history

## INTERNATIONAL

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# Yeltsin claims Kremlin out to get him

MOSCOW, Oct 17. (Reuter): Reformist politician Boris Yeltsin said today the Soviet leadership was trying to discredit him with an accusation that he fabricated a claim of an assassination attempt.

Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin told an incredulous Supreme Soviet, the inner parliament, yesterday that a soaking-wet Yeltsin had gone to the authorities one night last month saying someone had thrown him into the Moscow river.

"This is not a question for a meeting of the Supreme Soviet," Yeltsin said during a break in

today's session of parliament.

"It is the wish of the leadership to discredit a deputy, to diminish his authority and to distract the voters from more painful subjects."

The plain-spoken former Moscow party chief, plagued by allegations that he drank his way through a US lecture tour, repeated his denials that he had been assaulted.

"I can only repeat what I said, that there were no attacks on me," he said, adding that on the night in question he had attended a meeting with voters in a Moscow district.

The popular politician went on to reject a

series of reports about him.

"The rumours that I had a heart attack, an auto accident or was about to die were just rumours," he said.

"As Mark Twain said, the rumours of my death was greatly exaggerated."

The incident is the worst scandal to hit the revamped Soviet parliament and seemed certain to raise questions about the conduct of the Moscow deputy, who enjoys huge popular appeal.

Past accusations against Yeltsin of drunken behaviour and a Communist Party investiga-

tion into election statements he made earlier this year appeared to boost rather than diminish his popularity.

Bakatin said Yeltsin had appeared at a police station on the night of September 28 and said someone had tried to kill him.

"Unknown persons dragged him into a car and put a sack over his head. He was dragged out of the car and thrown off a bridge in the Moscow river," Bakatin said.

"Having swum 300 metres (yards) down river, he climbed out, had a rest and went to the police."

# US ready to advise Soviets on reforms

Moscow criticised for disturbing actions

NEW YORK, Oct 17. (Agencies): The United States is ready to promote Soviet economic reform, Secretary of State James Baker said. But he criticised Moscow for "disturbing actions" around the world.

"We want perestroika to succeed," Baker told the private Foreign Policy Association last night in the Bush administration's warmest statement of support so far for Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's attempts at economic, social and political reform.

"The Soviets are entering very, very uncharted waters, experimenting with markets, competitive enterprises, and realistic pricing, all of which we take for granted," Baker said. "We can't succeed without more freedom." He said free speech, human rights, and the respect of law were essential for economic reform.

Baker tempered his praise by charging that the Soviets were reluctant to withdraw from regional conflicts.

He said Soviet arms shipments to Afghanistan and Ethiopia were surging and had doubled in Cambodia over last year.

"These disturbing actions, this seeming preference for military solutions, may work in the short run to keep a Najibullah or a Hun Sen or a Mengistu in power," Baker said, referring to the Soviet-backed leaders of Afghanistan, Cambodia and Ethiopia.

Baker said the Soviets could save billions of dollars by cutting ties to regional clients.

Despite the regional tensions, Baker said "an historic opportunity" exists for the superpowers to leave behind "the ups and downs of the cold war."

"The prospects for a lasting improvement in US-Soviet relations are better than ever before," he said, citing Soviet arms control measures designed to prevent war and Gorbachev's promises to turn tanks into tractors.

Baker also offered strong US support for reconciliation between the two Germanies, saying it was "time for perestroika and glasnost to come to East Germany."

He made it clear, however, that a reconciled Germany should not be neutral or eastward leaning but with the "people integrated into the community of democratic European nations" on the basis of Western values.

The address was described by senior aides as an attempt to place in context recent developments in US-Soviet relations including Baker's successful talks last month with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and fast-moving events in Eastern Europe that include rumblings of change in East Germany.

Some critics have argued Gorbachev's success at reforms would be dangerous for the West because they would make the Soviet Union economically as well as militarily strong.

More than anything else, protests in East Germany and the hints East German leaders may be starting to consider reforms has prompted US officials and analysts to begin thinking about a Europe without a divided Germany.

The United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation have long advocated a reunified Germany but how that would take place and what form it would take has not been thought out.

■ US Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, addressing the concerns of Soviet citizens seeking to emigrate, said yesterday he favoured allowing more of them into the United States.

Thornburgh met "Refuseniks" — people whose application to leave the Soviet Union has been repeatedly rejected — at the end of his first day in talks in Moscow with Soviet officials on legal issues and human rights.

He "voiced support for proposals now before Congress that would give President George Bush discretionary power to admit up to 30,000 additional Soviet emigres a year for the next five years."

"We have urged that the Congress to act, sending the legislation to President Bush, so it will act somewhat as a safety valve for the conditions you described," Thornburgh told Refuseniks who met him at the home of a US diplomat.

## Ease gag, UK tells Bulgaria

SOFIA, Oct 17. (Reuter): Britain urged hard-line communist Bulgaria today to ease its clampdown on the country's fledgling dissident movement, saying human rights activists and ecologists had been harassed.

Addressing a 35-nation environmental conference in Sofia, Sir Anthony Williams said: "We urge the Bulgarian government to avoid any renewed harassment to Eco-Glasnost and to allow it and any other similar groups to carry on their legitimate activities."

Other Western delegates have referred to Bulgaria's unofficial groups but Williams, head of the British delegation, went further, sympathising by name leading dissident Konstantin Trenchev, who was freed from prison last month after three months' detention without trial.

The three-week Sofia forum is discussing international cooperation on environmental problems. It was organised by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE).

Members of the eight-month-old Eco-Glasnost and Bulgaria's political dissidents say they have been harassed by police and prevented from holding public meetings.

The authorities appear to have slackened restrictions on the groups for the three-week conference and Eco-Glasnost spokesman Petar Beron said the groups would use the opportunity to get as much public and foreign attention as possible.

West German Environment Minister Klaus Toepper, who has also urged Bulgaria to improve its human rights record, met Eco-Glasnost leaders and Trenchev's wife Koyana.

Trenchev, chairman of Bulgaria's unofficial trade union Podkrepa (support), was arrested with five other dissidents after they signed a petition in support of Bulgaria's ethnic Turkish minority.

More than 310,000 ethnic Turks have left Bulgaria for Turkey since May, fleeing what they say is a campaign on forced cultural assimilation. Bulgaria denies they are Turks, saying they are Bulgarians converted to Islam during Ottoman rule.

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A child lights a candle in front of a memorial for political prisoners who were not set free last week by the East German authorities. (Reuter wirephoto)

## E. Germany to discuss reform

### Protests in five cities

BERLIN, Oct 17. (AP): The Communist Party promised today to discuss critical issues facing the country in an "atmosphere of openness" following a night of protests in five East German cities by thousands of people demanding reform.

East Germany's ruling party politburo was scheduled later today to hold its regular weekly meeting, during which hardline leader Erich Honecker was expected to again come under heavy attack.

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ARD said Lutheran ministers in Magdeburg read a joint declaration demanding that the government legalize opposition groups and begin talks with pro-democracy reform groups.

Activists also said about 3,000 people gathered last evening in an East Berlin church for a pro-democracy vigil. Police patrols were increased in East Berlin last night but no incidents were reported.

The three men in Dresden were given prison terms on Friday in connection with protests in Dresden on Oct 4-5, just days before the party celebrated its 40th anniversary in power, ADN said.

Two of the "troublemakers" received prison terms of a little more than three years each and the third received a 4-1/2-year sentence, the news agency said.

The arrangement with the East German embassy is open ended, and new refugees arrived at the West German compound even as the first group was preparing to leave. Diplomatic sources estimated as many as 200 came.

Several thousand people tried to enter the station in an attempt to board a train filled with East German refugees who had been given passage from West Germany's embassy in Prague, Czechoslovakia, to the West. The building had been cordoned off by security forces.

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## German refugees flying to West

WARSAW, Poland, Oct 17. (AP): The first group of more than 1,300 East German refugees allowed to renounce their citizenship in Warsaw were to fly West today, an official said, as West Germany pressed for accelerated processing of the others.

"We expect the first group to be flown out today," said West German Foreign Ministry spokesman Peter Rothen in Bonn. He said it would be a charter flight, but it was not yet known to which West German airport it would travel.

Diplomatic sources in Warsaw said the flight would probably take place in the evening, to allow an additional 50 or 60 East Germans to be released from citizenship during the day so they could board the flight.

The same sources said a likely destination was Dusseldorf, but that no firm decision had been made.

The Polish Lot Airlines said it was prepared to fly the refugees on behalf of the West German embassy and is waiting for a formal request.

New refugees arrived at the West German embassy this morning, as a dispute appeared to be brewing between West and East Germany over the rate of issuing exit permits that the refugees need to leave Poland legally for the West.

Yesterday, the first 46 East Germans seeking to go West via Poland renounced their citizenship and received exit permits allowing them to leave.

"We are free," said hand-lettered banners unfurled as the cheering refugees left the East German embassy clutching new identity cards.

"We were amazed at how quickly and professionally they (the East German embassy) handled us today," one man who received his exit papers told reporters.

Hans Klein, the chief West German spokesman in Bonn, said his government had asked the East Germans to process the travel papers for the refugees in groups larger than the 40 to 50 first proposed.

He said no immediate response came from East Berlin.

"It's obvious that the East Germans do not want to have another spectacular passage" of hundreds of refugees, Klein said, acknowledging that technical problems could limit the number of requests processed daily.

In Warsaw, East German Ambassador Jaeger van Zwoll said, "We are interested in speeding up this operation, but this does not depend solely on us. Verification in the GDR (East Germany) is necessary. We cannot allow some murderers to leave, for instance."

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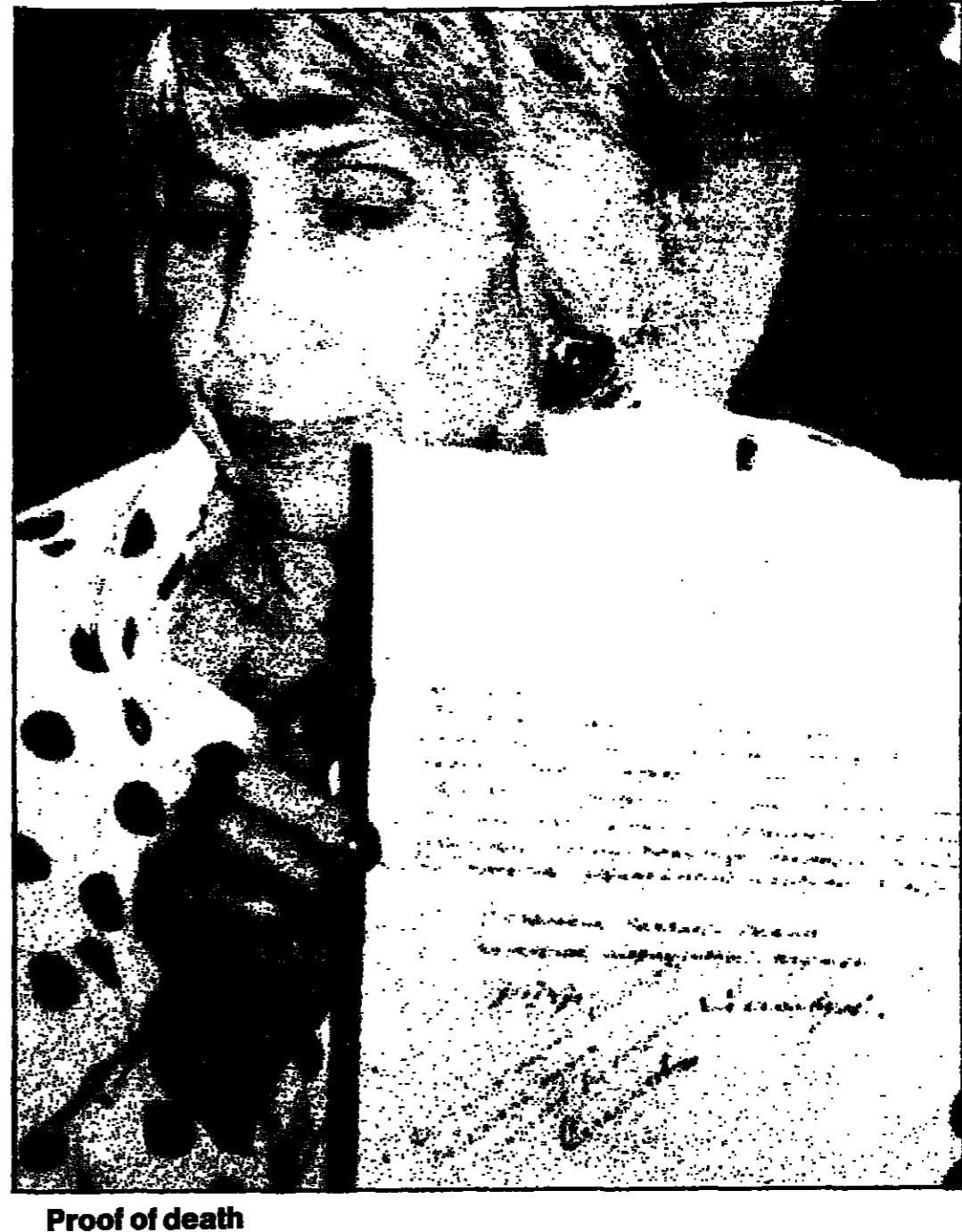
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### Proof of death

Swedish Raoul Wallenberg Association's secretary Sonia Sonnenfeld shows the original report by a prison doctor noting the Swede's death while in

## Soviets sorry

## Wallenberg affair a folly

MOSCOW, Oct 17. (AP): Nearly 45 years after Raoul Wallenberg was arrested by the Soviets in Budapest and vanished, a KGB official apologised for the arrest and handed the Swedish diplomat's personal effects to his relatives yesterday.

"We think it's difficult to find people in the Gulag," he said, using the term for the Soviet prison camp network. The delegation gave the Soviets a list of sightings and expects to have two more meetings this week, Anger said.

"It was terribly emotional to see his handwriting and his identity papers," said Nina Lagergren, who received the passport, driver's licence, address book, calendar and cash her half-brother carried when he was arrested in January 1945, during World War II.

She said it was the first time Soviet officials had expressed remorse about the arrest of Wallenberg, who saved tens of thousands of Jews from the Nazi gas chambers.

"The detention of Wallenberg was a tragic mistake," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a separate press briefing, but the Soviets clung to their decades-old assertion that Wallenberg died of a heart attack in 1947 at Lubjanka, a prison in Moscow.

Sweden rejects that claim because of many reported sightings of Wallenberg in Vladimir prison in the 1950s and other reports since.

"We are confident that he has been able to survive," Ms

# C'wealth to take up SA sanctions

Summit opens today in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17. (UPI): Leaders of the Commonwealth nations today finalised tactics to beef up anti-apartheid sanctions against South Africa as Malaysia fielded massive precautions against terrorist attacks.

Helicopters hovered overhead and 74,000 armed police officers scoured the streets of the capital as leaders from 47 nations gathered for the week-long Commonwealth heads of government meeting that opens tomorrow.

Immediately confronting the 2,000 delegates was the thorny question of the next secretary-general. Member countries were divided between former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser and Nigerian chief Emeka Anyaoku, a former diplomat who currently serves as deputy secretary-general.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Literature Nobel on Thursday:** The winner of the Nobel prize for literature will be announced this Thursday, the awarding body said today.

The Swedish Academy, a 203-year-old institution created to safeguard the Swedish language and literature, will announce the winner at 1 pm (1200 GMT) from its 18th-century headquarters in Stockholm's old town.

Irish poet Seamus Heaney has been the only candidate tipped so far in the Swedish media, by the weekly "V" magazine. Some informed speculation said the prize also might go to an East European writer. (AP)

**Theodorakis switching sides:** Mikis Theodorakis, the popular communist composer who wrote the music for "Zorba The Greek" is switching sides in Greece's November election and running for parliament as a conservative New Democracy candidate.

Theodorakis and Conservative Party leader Constantine Mitsotakis said after a meeting yesterday that the composer would be included in the New Democracy leadership list, ensuring him a place in the 300-seat parliament.

A life-long communist who has been imprisoned several times for his beliefs, Theodorakis served as a Communist Party deputy in parliament from 1981 until 1987. (Reuter)

**Airliner catches fire:** A Soviet airliner carrying 180 passengers caught fire at Murtala Muhammed International Airport while preparing to take off, but the passengers were evacuated with only minor injuries, airport sources said.

The sources, who declined to be identified, said the incident occurred Saturday. The Soviet Ambassador to Nigeria, Yousif Koushakov, was among those injured while leaving the smoking Aeroflot Tupolev 154.

The plane had taxied to the runway and was preparing to take off when two of its engines caught fire and the plane was quickly engulfed in smoke, the sources said. The aircraft was on a flight to Moscow. (AP)

**Detective kills gunman:** A detective was shot to death by his former business partner in a police fund-raising business, authorities said. The gunman was killed by shots fired by the mortally wounded detective.

The gunman had also apparently killed his wife earlier yesterday. Police found her body in their home when they went to tell her that her husband was dead, said police Lt. Paul Saucou.

Detective Norman Montion died of gunshot wounds suffered in the shooting with Richard Stratton, the office of police officers Promotions Inc., authorities said.

Two office employees were wounded, one seriously. (AP)

**Cricket catchers damage fields:** The cricket wars are laying waste to Shanghai today, an official newspaper reported today.

Nearly 700 hectares (1,700 acres) of fields have been damaged and 100,000 square metres (1 million square feet) of city shrubbery trampled by people hunting at night for bugs to do battle in cricket fighting contests, the China Daily said, quoting a Shanghai newspaper.

It said 1,000 people in the city of 14 million make their living by dealing in crickets. At one market, some 10,000 crickets are sold daily for an estimated 200,000 to 300,000 yuan (\$54,000 to \$81,000). (AP)

**Typhoons kill 63:** A series of three typhoons killed 63 people, left 15 missing and injured 712 in the south China province of Hainan, the New China News Agency said today.

The three typhoons hit the island between Oct 2 and 13, it said, adding that it was rare for so many to strike within such a short space of time.

The typhoons blew down 30 million rubber trees, damaged 182,000 hectares (450,000 acres) of rice paddy, destroyed roads and disrupted communications in 12 cities and counties, it said. (Reuter)

**Dutch face tax increase:** Dutch taxpayers, whose country is known for its generous social programmes, now face a tax increase to foot the bill.

A tax hike of 2.2 billion guilders (\$1.04 billion) for individuals and businesses, aimed at increasing national revenues by about one-half of a percent, is called for under a new political platform published yesterday.

The tax increase is the key element in the platform hammered out as Premier Ruud Lubbers builds his third government. It follows a seven-year programme of fiscal austerity and spending cuts.

**Papa meets Mitterrand:** Embattled former Greek Premier Andreas Papandreou and French President Francois Mitterrand began a three-day meeting yesterday.

Papa, after a news conference later, denied the meeting was intended to mark the Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement's chances in next year's elections next month. The chief election issue is Papandreou's alleged involvement in political scandals.

The meeting with Mitterrand, a Socialist, "was an occasion to speak of European events," Papandreou said. "I think the impact for Pasok is positive, but that was not my objective."

Papandreou said Pasok "wants to take action at a European level."

(AP)

**Meese associate sentenced:** E. Robert Wallach, a close associate of former Attorney-General Edwin Meese III, was sentenced yesterday to six years in prison for his racketeering conviction in the Wedtech Corp. scandal.

US District Judge Richard Owen said Wallach used his influence to gain access "to the back steps of the White House" and made almost a half-million dollars as a result.

## Criticism delays Namibian talks

UN move to censure SA

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 17. (Reuter): Talks to smooth Namibia's troubled path to independence were delayed today amid reports of a UN move to censure South Africa's role in the territory.

Delegations from South Africa, Cuba and Angola held separate discussions before starting the second of two days of talks on problems besetting a peace accord for Namibia signed by the three countries last December.

Diplomats said the 90-minute delay was due to South African objections to a request by African nations at the United Nations for a Security Council meeting to censure Pretoria for alleged continued operation of its disbanded counter-insurgency unit.

Diplomats said the African censure move was made yesterday. UN Secretary General Javier Perez De Cuellar said last

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## Saudi Arabia condemns attack on diplomat

NICOSIA, Oct 17. (Agencies): Saudi Arabia condemned a car bomb attack on one of its diplomats in Turkey and called for the swift arrest and punishment of whoever was responsible.

"While strongly condemning this criminal and cowardly act... we are sure Turkey will spare no effort to arrest the criminals and inflict strict punishment on them," the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) quoted a Foreign Ministry official as saying.

### MIDEAST BRIEFS

#### Faulty judgement

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 17. (Reuter): Faulty judgement by an Israeli Air Force colonel enabled a Syrian defector to fly his MiG-23 fighter into northern Israel last week, Army Chief of Staff Dan Shomron said yesterday.

Shomron assured Israelis, shocked by the Air Force's failure to intercept the Syrian fighter, that they were not at risk.

Explaining the findings of an army probe, Shomron said the colonel, who failed to scramble Israeli aircraft to intercept the MiG-23, would be reprimanded and an Air Force controller who gave an inaccurate report would also be held to account.

Shomron told Israeli television: "The Syrian plane, at the moment it penetrated Israeli territory, was spotted by our air defence system. All the actions required in the illustration of a foreign plane were carried out according to orders."

"But as a result of a miscalculation and an incorrect report that reached the decision-maker, these operations were stopped."

The Army inquiry also reported some technical flaws that Shomron said would be corrected by the Air Force.

#### Explosion kills 6

ANKARA, Oct 17. (Reuter): Six people were killed and 11 were injured in an explosion and fire at a night club in central Ankara today, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said.

All the victims were believed to be employees sleeping in the club in the early hours of the morning after customers had left.

#### Somalia admits

MOGADISHU, Oct 17. (Reuter): President Mohamed Siad Barre admitted for the first time some army troops had mutinied, and rebels accused Libya of sending troops and heavy weapons to back Somalia against them.

Siad Barre told farmers meeting in the capital Mogadishu last night that some government troops had "turned" the barrel of the gun against those who trained and equipped them.

#### Armenian genocide

WASHINGTON, Oct 17. (AP): Officials facing a diplomatic rift with Turkey summoned Sen. Bob Dole to the White House yesterday to discuss his proposed resolution memorialising the "Armenian genocide" 75 years ago, a Dole side said.

"It is the most offensive thing that Congress can do to US-Turkish relations," said Daryl Batinay, the deputy chief of the Turkish embassy. Turkey is a close Nato ally that plays host to American military bases.

#### Zionists criticise

NEW YORK, Oct 17. (Reuter): The Zionist Organisation of America, opposing the American Jewish Congress, yesterday criticised a statement on the Middle East prepared by Roman Catholic bishops and blamed its shortcomings on a failure to consult Zionists.

"The position paper is contradictory when it calls for Israel to have secure boundaries and yet it urges the establishment of an independent Palestinian state," the organization said in a statement.

#### ICRC claims

KHARTOUM, Oct 17. (Reuter): The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) says it has visited 105 prisoners of war held by Sudanese rebels and eight held by the government.

The rebel Sudan Peoples Liberation Army (SPLA) has said that the government always killed rebels it captured and warned that it would do the same with its government prisoners.

#### Qatar, Poland ties

KUWAIT, Oct 17. (UPI): Qatar and Poland decided yesterday to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level, state-run Qatar Radio reported, paving the way for Warsaw to establish ties with other wealthy Gulf states.

The radio, monitored in Kuwait, said both countries issued a statement in which they expressed their readiness to "build up their bilateral relations according to the UN charter and the principles of co-existence."

#### Danielle invited

PARIS, Oct 17. (Kuna): Iraqi Ambassador Dr Abdul Razzak Al Hashemi said here yesterday that his country's relations with France will not be affected by the "international conference on the Kurdish identity" which was held here last week under the patronage of French first lady, Danielle Mitterrand.

Speaking to a press conference, Dr Al Hashemi said that Mrs Mitterrand has received an invitation to visit Iran to see for herself the life-style of Iraqi Kurdistan.

#### Prisoners suffocate

MOGADISHU, Oct 17. (Reuter): Eleven people detained for a month in Somalia have died of suffocation in a sweltering prison cell, the official Somali news agency reported.

It said 11 of 26 prisoners crammed in a cell in the capital Mogadishu were found dead from excessive heat and lack of oxygen yesterday.

SPA said 28-year-old Abdurrahman Shrewi, whose legs were shattered yesterday when a bomb went off in his car in Ankara, had been flown to Saudi Arabia for medical treatment.

Surgeons have amputated both limbs at the knees. The legs were shattered by the powerful bomb that blew Shrewi out of the car as he drove to work.

Shrewi was an accountant in the office of the embassy's military attache.

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Police investigators in Ankara said the explosion was most likely caused by a time bomb and the Turkish Foreign Ministry expressed regret over the "international terrorist act."

The blast was the second attack on a Saudi diplomat in Turkey in a year. An embassy employee was shot and killed in front of his home in October.

In October last year another diplomat at the Saudi embassy in Ankara was killed at his home by an unidentified gunman.

Two Swiss Red Cross workers are missing, believed kidnapped in Lebanon.

Jordanian Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker today condemned the authors of a bomb blast.

He said in a telegram of sympathy to Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ibn Abdulaziz that Monday's attack showed the "baseness and cowardice" of its perpetrators.

## Kabul parachutes supplies into Khost

### Rebels nearing airport

ISLAMABAD, Oct 17. (Agencies): Muslim rebels have advanced on the eastern town of Khost and the government reportedly is trying to resupply its troops there by land and air, Western diplomats said today.

US-supported anti-communist rebels launched a major offensive against the heavily-fortified garrison town several weeks ago, and the sources said fighters have moved within three miles (five kilometres) of the Khost airport.

One source, presumably with access to satellite pictures, also said "photographs show parachutes inside the Khost perimeter... there is clear visible evidence of air droppings."

Rebel sources said government planes two weeks ago had parachuted 44 barrels of fuel to the area for its forces, but only about eight reached its target and the remainder landed in guerrilla-controlled areas.

None of the reports could be independently verified.

Rebel control of Khost, about 10 miles (16 kilometres) from the Pakistan border, would open direct supply lines to rebel bases in central and northern Afghanistan.

The United States and Pakistan are the major backers of the rebels, who have been fighting for more than a decade to oust successive communist governments. Last February, Moscow ended its decade-long military intervention under a UN-brokered accord but continues to back the Kabul government.

The Western diplomats said today a 200-vehicle convoy left Kabul late last week with supplies bound for Khost. They said it was moving slowly toward Gardez, about 45 miles (75 kilometres) northwest of Khost, according to diplomats.

The same sources said Soviet-made Antonov cargo planes have been landing at Khost during the night, but "they only stay on the ground 10 minutes."

Diplomats also said rebels have blockaded the 75-mile (125-kilometre) highway linking Afghanistan's capital of Kabul to the eastern city of Jalalabad.

Government troops have launched heavy air attacks and armoured assaults against rebels in an effort to open the road.

Afghan authorities have sentenced a Spanish writer to five years' jail for entering the country illegally and "collecting anti-government propaganda," a government spokesman said today.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman told journalists that Jorge Juan Garcia had been sentenced on Sunday.

Garcia, 35, who was arrested in August, pleaded his innocence at a government-organised news conference in Kabul last month, where he appeared alongside two alleged Pakistani spies and alleged mercenaries from Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia who had also been captured.

"I have never collaborated, never had a gun. I am just taking notes for my book," Garcia said at the news conference.

Garcia is the latest of 41 foreign nationals Kabul says it has arrested in the country since the Geneva accords on Afghanistan were signed in May 1988.

Among those arrested are Pakistanis and others accused of fighting with the mujahideen anti-government rebels but also aid workers and journalists who entered Afghanistan with the mujahideen from Pakistan.

### Soviet defector seeks asylum

CAIRO, Oct 17. (AP): A Soviet national from Azerbaijan who dropped out of a tour group, went to the US embassy and sought to defect said yesterday he "would rather die here" than return.

The man earlier had sought asylum from the Turkish embassy but was turned down on ground he did not qualify as a legitimate refugee.

Daoud Alyev, 45, an artist and a member of Azerbaijan's Muslim Shiite majority, said he left the tour group last week when it arrived in Cairo from southern Egypt.

Leaving the group of 30 tourists from Baku, Azerbaijan, "was very difficult," Alyev said. "All eyes were on everyone. If I was caught, I would have been sent back and killed."

The Soviet embassy was closed for the day and its officials unavailable for comment.

A thin man with a crop of white hair, Alyev looked worn and dishevelled in an interview he spoke in Azerbaijani, a language close to Turkish.

He said a Turkish national he sought help from in Cairo wrote a note for him in English to carry to the Americans.

"I am a Soviet defector," the note said. "I want to defect to the United States. I speak only Russian."

Alyev said he met with an officer he could not identify during a stay of about four hours at the US embassy. He was handed a form, written in Russian, that asked his reason for wanting to defect and what he planned to do in the United States.

On completing the form, he was asked to return today for a reply as to whether his request would be granted, he said.

A spokeswoman at the US embassy said she had not heard of the case but that she would check.

"I am a painter, and the conflict in Azerbaijan, plus the oppressive atmosphere, prevents any artistic inspiration," Alyev said. For the last 19 months, his home republic has been in bloody conflict with the nearby Armenian republic.

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### Gunmen kill PLO official in Sidon

SIDON, Oct 17. (Reuter): Gunmen opened fire on two members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in this southern port city, killing one and wounding the other, security sources said today.

The shooting took place overnight in the Palestinian refugee camp of Ain Al Hilweh, a major bastion for several Palestinian factions, the sources said.

The PLO led by Chairman Yasser Arafat warned on Sunday against Palestinian infighting and accused a radical Palestinian group of killing one of its officials, Ali Hashem in Ain Al Hilweh last week.

Security sources said Abu Nidal's Patah Revolutionary Council (PRTC) was responsible for Hashem's killing.

A few days before an FRC official, Dr Mousa Atiyeh Alzawa, was shot dead at the camp.

A pro-Iranian Muslim cleric said today that Lebanon's shadowy Islamic Jihad group was not linked to the killing of Hashem.

In a reference to Aoun, Tias said: "The main obstacle blocking a solution lies in those controlling (Christian) East Beirut and those who are supporting them in Israel and Baghdad."

"They are insisting on impossible conditions to evade the responsibility of accepting reconciliation."

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### Britons leaving Oman

MUSCAT, Oct 17. (AP): The British embassy in Oman, watching the dwindling of a British community in this traditionally favoured Gulf destination, yesterday began surveying the remaining nationals for an exact picture.

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### Soviets first time refuse to support

### Arabs demand ouster of Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 17. (UPI): The Soviet Union refused for the first time today to support an Arab-led demand that Israel be ousted from the UN General Assembly in a move interpreted by diplomats as a growing evidence of the Soviet role in the Middle East peace process.

The Soviet Union abstained with 14 other countries when the General Assembly voted 95 against 37 to reject the Arab demand to unseat the Israeli delegation. There are 159 UN member states. Twelve did not take part in the vote.

Among the abstaining members were China, Poland, East Germany and Czechoslovakia.

Last year, the assembly voted 95 against 41 to reject the same Arab demand.

The demand by 32 Arab and Muslim nations, excluding Egypt, and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to unseat Israel was introduced by Libya, which accused Israel of "continued defiance, flagrant and persistent violation of the UN charter."

Arab states have been challenging unsuccessfully the Israeli credentials since 1982 with the Soviet support. Every year, as soon as the Arabs made the move, the Nordic states countered with a motion

demanding the assembly to reject it.

UN diplomats said the Soviet Union's new position reflected its growing role in the Middle East conflict. Moscow has widened its contacts with Israel lately when it invited Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Perez to visit the Soviet Union.

Moscow broke off diplomatic relations with the Jewish state after Israel's six day war in 1967. The two sides have been trying recently to restore the ties.

In other decisions by the General Assembly on delegations' credentials, the assembly also rejected a Soviet demand to vacate the seat now occupied by the Cambodian resistance headed by exiled Prince Norodom Sihanouk, whose three armed factions have been fighting Vietnam and the pro-Hanoi government in Phnom Penh.

The Soviet Union wanted the Sihanouk seat to be an "empty seat" while waiting for negotiations to settle the Cambodian conflict.

The assembly also rejected China's proposal to oust the Afghan UN delegation because no final settlement has been reached in the war between the Soviet-backed regime of Afghan President Najibullah and US-backed Muslim rebels.

## Bid to rebuild temple foiled

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 17. (Agencies): Palestinian militants stoned a Jewish home, set fire to a car and attacked a suspected collaborator in Jerusalem today in some of the worst violence for months in the disputed city, Israeli police said.

Moyer told Israeli television

that yesterday's violence, in which police arrested 40 people, was provoked by zealots who tried to lay a cornerstone to rebuild the ancient Jewish temple on Temple Mount.

"We are waiting for the temple to be built when the Messiah comes and people who always talk of this only cause riots," he said.

"There is reason to assume the Arabs were very suspicious. They suspected they (the zealots) were going to conquer the Temple Mount, the mosques."

Ayyash, a prominent PLO sup-

# API to hold planning workshop Oct 21-25

## Focus on environmental considerations

DR. Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Minister of Planning and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Arab Planning Institute—Kuwait, will inaugurate on Saturday, October 21, a "Workshop on Designing a Regional Training Programme for Integration of Environmental Considerations in Development Planning," to be held at the API premises in Kuwait, during the period October 21-25. The workshop is jointly organised by the Arab Planning Institute—Kuwait, in co-operation with the United Nations Environment

Programme, Nairobi, and Arabian Gulf University, Bahrain.

Seven papers presented by various organisations and institutes will be discussed. The first four papers will focus on the construction and methodological and analytical framework, to be followed up in handling environmental considerations in the process of economic planning, while the rest of the papers will deal in regional case studies representing Kuwait, the Sudan and Bahrain.

The participants of this workshop will

include members from the organising institutions, as well as from related agencies/organisations, such as Environment Economic Centre, London, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden, Massey University, New Zealand, National Planning Institutes, Iraq and Cairo, Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development, Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), Arab Towns Organisation, the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Cor-

poration and United Nations Development Programme.

It is worthwhile mentioning that the main goal of this workshop, as the title suggests, is to prepare well founded training programmes for environment planners in the Arab region, to be held at the API.

It is hoped by conducting such programmes, to enlighten concerned policy makers to rationalise the use of limited natural resources in the region and make it possible for new generations to share the benefits of such resources.

## International Food Day celebrated

INTERNATIONAL Food Day is celebrated world-wide and aims at achieving permanent food security and ending hunger and poverty that threatens millions of people in the Third World, according to a senior Kuwaiti official.

The Kuwait National Committee designated to co-ordinate the activities of the International Food Day celebrated the occasion Monday evening under the patronage of the Chairman and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah.

Ahmad Al Naqib, deputy director for technical affairs, who was deputised to speak on the occasion, said that achieving food for all is not a dream if the international community co-operates and countries seriously co-ordinate plans to face the dangers of hunger and malnutrition.

Talking about the food situation in general, the official said that this day of celebration affords everyone the opportunity to become more aware of problems that face the world in this vital area. It further urges all people to remove obstacles that prevent development strategies for securing permanent food security.

### Reflections

He added that food and agriculture issues occupy a significant position in plans related to social and economic development. The tragedy of the millions of those who are hungry in the world, reflects very poorly on the communities of the world and their claims to technological advancement.

The solution to averting this tragedy which is looming in the near future, is not addressed by granting donations in case of disasters or short term solutions. The solution should lie in the form of taking international and revolutionary decisions to bring about permanent food supplies to all those in need.

Naqib hailed the active role of Kuwait's wise policy to establish bases of peace and co-operation in the world. This role occurs in the field of economic development and donations given by Kuwait to the Third World, he said.

The chairman of the committee Mohammed Al Fayed has said that celebration of the International Food Day was approved by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) as an annual celebration. The celebration aims at gathering efforts to offer more food to meet the increasing demand and to fight hunger and malnutrition.

Headed that this year's celebration is organised under the slogan of Food and Environment. He added that hunger is threatening many countries in the Third World, specially the African countries due to drought. The danger of hunger still exists despite calls directed by different international organisations to eradicate hunger. The solution to the shortage of food and hunger requires development plans to activate and develop the agricultural sector to increase production and achieve food security.

## No shortage of teachers

BASICALLY, the Capital Educational Area does not suffer from a shortage of teachers. But, transfers of teachers from one area to another coupled with female teachers going on maternity leave does cause disruption in the functioning of the teaching staff.

Khaleel Al Sulaihem, director of the Capital Educational Area pointed out that the ministry recently issued an order to annex schools of Sulaibikhah and Doha areas to the Capital Educational Area and this will go into effect from next December. He added that there are 4,700 teachers and 43,824 pupils in different schools of the area.

The ministry has no intention to permit educational areas to separately hold final exams of the Secondary School Certificate. The ministry has set clear guidelines to control promotions for the limited supervisory posts.



## Anti-smoking clinic opened

By Fawzi Al Tameemi

THE Kuwait Society for Combating Smoking and Cancer opened a clinic Monday, in Sharq. The opening ceremony was attended by the general secretary of the society Dr Husain Al Momen and a number of members.

The clinic will start receiving those desirous of quitting smoking each Monday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

Dr Momen stated that the Anti-smoking Clinic is considered one of the main programmes included in anti-smoking awareness campaigns. The clinic will provide patients medical, and psychological advice or specific assistance to persuade them to stop smoking. He added that the clinic aims at treating smokers so that they can quit smoking indicating that the clinic is considered the first of its kind in the Arab world in general and the Gulf in particular.

## Towards self-sufficiency

# Kuwait produces 50pc of its eggs and poultry

THE chairman of the board and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah has said that Kuwait has so far been successful in producing poultry and eggs to cover 50 percent of the domestic demand.

He told a local daily reporter that the abundance of cucumber this season is the result of using new fertilisers and this production surplus brought down prices to below normal rates.

The new chemical fertilisers has not been found responsible for the development of leukaemia, he official commented.

He pointed out that feeding synthetic hormones to chickens for the purpose of increasing egg production was done under specialist control of qualified vets.

The fodder lab at the Animal Resources Department carried out tests on imported fodder before gaining access into the country to ensure that they are free and safe from any potentially hazardous hormone compounds.

He said that diseases among animals were of two types, one regular which included ordinary diarrhoea, indigestion, acidity,

etc, and infectious diseases such as ammonia, bovine plague, etc.

These diseases affect cows only and could not be passed to other animals. However, there are diseases that could affect both animal and man, such as consumption and brucellosis and others.

He pointed out that the perfect pasteurisation of milk would make all milky products safe for consumption and free from any disease-causing germs, which could be the source of cautionary steps by consumers.

The government has and still is combatting diseases which could threaten national animal resources, and large amounts of money has been designated for the purpose of annihilating diseased cows.

Celebrations

He said the blue-tongue disease was a viral infection that could be passed from sheep to cows and vice versa, but could not affect human beings.

He added that even among animals, there had to be an intermediary means via which the disease-causing virus could pass from one infected animal to another through a certain type of insect that did not exist in Kuwait.

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He said that quite a few specimens of Australian sheep had been subjected to lab investigations and the ensuing test results were negative for any diseases, including the blue-tongue disease, which endangers the health of both man and animal.

On the proposed celebrations of the national greening week, he said that the decision to hold these celebrations during October is the fact that it is the season for rainfall and farming.

The official commented that most leafy vegetables were successfully grown in Kuwait, and fruits such as figs, citrus, except quinces, were also successfully produced, but the main emphasis remains on palms, beet and lotus.

He emphasised the existing co-operation in the field of national greening among the various government agencies, and that representatives of the various government authorities were available on the Higher Greening Committee who held regular contacts with their counterparts in ministries, such as the Public Works, Electricity and Water, Information, Social Affairs and Labour, the Environmental Protection Council and the Ministries of Education, Interior and Defence.

He said that the current security system enabled each

retired person to swap 25 per cent of their salary for financial

facilities without the need for an

official decision by any autho-

ritative administrator. The

authority is currently investing

KD1,400 million inside and

outside Kuwait in return for rea-

sonable returns, through bonds, real

estate and more than 17 different

financial portfolios, with the

total number of families exceed-

ing 52,000.

He pointed out that relevant authorities at the Municipality were currently involved in intensive preparations to organise the Cleanliness Week to be launched late next month. Such events are primarily arranged with the view of raising public awareness.

He said that the current cleanliness law is aimed at straightening negative individual attitudes towards public cleanliness which are attributable to their different cultural backgrounds.

Another major purpose for the current cleanliness law is to encourage individual and group participation and contributions to the government-sponsored cleaning services, through organising campaigns urging both residents and citizens to uplift their level of commitment to the country's

## Kuwait Airport under study

# Third review of masterplan

THE Higher Committee of the Masterplan and Grand Construction Projects has approved a proposal to study the structural plan of Kuwait International Airport, Bader Al Bahar assistant undersecretary of the Ministry of Planning for follow up and programmes affairs, said.

The committee is now selecting consultative offices for this project and has also agreed to study the third revision for developing the Master Plan of Kuwait. It is presently studying the financial and technical offers submitted by Kuwaiti engineering offices for this project.

Bahar said.

Shifting his talk to the Subbiya City Project to be completed within the next ten years,

Bahar said that the committee has agreed that the project be accorded priority status.

The project includes the building of a causeway linking Kuwait City with Subbiya City, as also a touristic project, army camps, housing complexes for workers in the city, services and workshops area, including afforestation projects. A specialised committee has been empowered to follow up the implementation of these projects.

The Ministry of Public Works in conjunction with Kuwait Municipality are conducting studies on the causeway project as also other projects on the anvil, Bahar said.

Central American states—Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

Ortega accused the United States of trying to obstruct the peace plan "adopted by the five states in Central America."

"The United States had opposed the peace plan, but as the plan drew support from the international community and even from (Washington's) allies in Europe, they (the Americans) have no alternative but to accept the plan and the reconciliations."

Relations

"Ortega hopes to establish relations on the ambassadorial level with all the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) states," a Gulf-based official said.

"Nicaragua would like to open an embassy in one country with an ambassador who will serve the others in a non-resident capacity," said the official, who wished to remain anonymous.

"There is a kind of rejecting of US policy in Central America," he told the Kuwaiti daily. "This rejection has paved the way for the peace agreements of Aug 1987."

He was referring to the first meeting of leaders of the five

United States

Central American states

# GCC stock markets may unify: Qabandi

## Call to permit expats to invest locally

THE GCC Stock Markets will gradually close ranks and eventually during the coming decade will be unified with branches in member states, Abdulla Al Qabandi, chairman and managing director at Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company (KFTCIC), said.

The 1980s had witnessed a radical retreat in inflation rates compared to the 1970s. This scenario had enhanced interest in securities at the expense of

precious metals and real estate. Initially, in the 1980s, Kuwait had witnessed considerable increase in the prices of shares and real estate. Unfortunately, the Manakh crisis, the Iran-Iraq war and the drastic drop in oil prices created economic sluggishness and contributed to a retreat.

Talking about the situation on national investments, the official said that the local market has witnessed significant development in the investment field.

Translation of the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran into a permanent peace treaty is essential to give financial aspects a boost.

To re-activate the investment climate in the country, the official called for reorganising the investment process by creating new avenues such as joint investment funds, options, warrant and convertible bonds.

Additionally, Qabandi called for permitting expatriates to participate in local investments, either through investments in

real estate or shares or through the proposed joint investment funds.

### Blocs

Replying to the effects of establishing of some international economic blocs such as the EEC in 1992 and the establishment of blocs by Asian countries, Qabandi said that Kuwait had diversified its investments since 1980. Thus, establishing the EEC in 1992 will create a major market for the companies which Kuwait used to invest its funds in

since the 1960s, the official said. Thus, Kuwait which for quite some time has been active in international markets will be able to work within the framework of these markets, he added.

On the possibility of increasing local and Gulf investments, the official said that oil industries as well as non-oil industries constitute special attraction to Kuwait and Arab Gulf arenas. Further, heavy industries proved unsuccessful, he said.



Premier visits military hospital

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday toured the newly-opened military hospital accompanied by Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and Planning Minister and Acting Public Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

Sheikh Saad, who was received at the hospital by Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Jaber as well as senior defence officials, listened to a brief explanation about the hospital's facilities.

HH praised the hospital's level of services and equipment, and wished the hospital's staff success in carrying out their duties toward Kuwait.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Ortega leaves

KUWAIT, Oct 17, (Kuna): Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega and the accompanying delegation left Kuwait this morning at conclusion of a four-day state visit.

HH the Amir topped the farewell party along with HH the Crown Prince and Premier, head of the National Guards, minister of the Amiri Diwan affairs, ministers, senior state officials and dean of the diplomatic corps.

HH the Amir and President Ortega exchanged cables of greetings at conclusion of the head of state's visit.

### Amiri audience

KUWAIT, Oct 17, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah today received Senegalese Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs Serigne Lamine Diop, during which he handed him a message from Senegalese President Abdou Diouf.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Oil and Acting Minister of Finance Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Athbi and the Senegalese Ambassador to Kuwait.

### Djibouti minister

KUWAIT, Oct 17, (Kuna): Djibouti's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation Moumien Babdon Farah arrived here today, carrying a message from President Hassan Gouled to HH the Amir.

Farah was received at the airport by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saud Al Ossaimi and a number of flanking ministry officials.

### New credentials

KUWAIT, Oct 17, (Kuna): Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Ossaimi today received copies of the credentials of four new ambassadors to Kuwait.

The new ambassadors are from New Zealand, India, Mali and Mexico.

The ceremony was attended by Foreign Ministry's Undersecretary Suliman Maguid Al Shabani and director of the protocol department at the ministry Ahmed Abdul Wahid Al Ayoub.

### Islamic heritage

KUWAIT, Oct 17, (Kuna): The society of Islamic Heritage Revival today said it accomplished 32 mosques and 12 Islamic schools in different areas of Kenya.

The society's head of the African Committee Jassem Al Iatai said that it had dug 14 wells, constructed 3 Islamic centres and a cattle farm and assigned 46 preachers in the same country.

On the other hand, the society also finalised another Islamic centre in Nairobi financed to the tune of KD 65,000 by Kuwaiti donor, Moudi Sultan Al Issa.

### Fahds arrive

KUWAIT, Oct 17, (Kuna): Kuwait's Defence Minister was quoted here today as saying that the first batch of Egyptian-made Fahd armoured vehicles was received by Kuwait lately.

In a statement to a local newspaper, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah also said Kuwait will not hesitate to purchase any weapons made by Arab countries if the weapons are needed here and are of high quality.

The defence minister did not disclose the number of the armoured vehicles received nor did he say how many more ships Kuwait will receive.

However, in Cairo today Al-Akhbar newspaper quoted Chairman of the Arab Authority for Military Production Ibrahim Orabi as saying that in the middle of November Kuwait will receive 44 armoured vehicles and 400 jeeps made in Egypt.

He added that the shipment is the second under a purchase agreement signed between the two countries, but did not disclose if there will be a third shipment.

### Kharafi returns

KUWAIT, Oct 17, (Kuna): Interior Undersecretary Yousef Bader Al Kharafi and the delegation accompanying him returned here last night from Riyadh after attending the preparatory meeting for the conference of the interior ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council states.



Bernard Ziegler (right), once a test pilot for Airbus Industrie and now a vice-president in the company's engineering department, shows a V-sign before take-off.

## KAC may buy four Airbus 320s: Mishari

By Jadrana Porter  
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT AIRWAYS may buy four \$42-million Airbus 320, the hi-tech fly-by-wire aircraft, to replace its ageing Boeing 727s, according to the airline's chairman Ahmed Al Mishari. Final decision will be taken in six weeks after an evaluation of other options, he added.

The strongest rival to the European-made plane is the American Boeing 737-400.

Mishari said he was impressed by the Airbus 320. "It is an advanced aircraft with a good future," he told the Arab Times yesterday after an hour's VIP press flight over Kuwait in an Airbus 320 that will next month join the West German Lufthansa fleet.

Gulf Air, the airline owned by four Gulf states, Bahrain, Oman, the UAE and Qatar, is said to be close to signing an order for 12 Airbus 320, the manufacturer, Airbus Industrie, told the Arab Times.

Since it was first launched 18 months ago Airbus 320 has been one of the fastest selling aircraft with more than 500 planes having been ordered and about 60 delivered.

What distinguishes this aircraft is its new technology and composite materials which makes it

lighter, cheaper and safer, Alain Dupiech of Airbus Industrie said.

It is the only fly-by-wire commercial airliner which means that the pilot's commands are transmitted as electronic signals through wires to actuators instead of mechanically via a heavy and complex system of steel cables and pulleys, explained Ian Bain, the manufacturer's PR consultant. Fly-by-wire controls driven by computers protect the aircraft against manoeuvres which would cause damage to the airframe, as well as against flying too fast or stalling, he added.

Mishari indicated that four new aircraft for Kuwait Airways will only be an initial purchase with others to follow. "We shall buy four planes to start with," he said. Airbus Industrie is already booking orders for new aircraft, Airbus 330 and Airbus 340, to be launched within the next two years that will also use fly-by-wire technology.

Pilots flying Airbus 320 will be able to fly the new aircraft without additional training, Dupiech said. Airlines that acquire all three models will save substantially on maintenance, he added.

The four-engine Airbus 340 is expected to be one of the world's longest range planes capable of flying the London-Sydney route non-stop.

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## Continued education conference Oct 21-24

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT'S Minister of Higher Education, Prof. Ali Abdullah Al Shamani is to open an applied education conference on Saturday.

The four-day conference, from Oct 21 to 24, focuses on "Individual and Community Development," aimed at examining new trends in continuing education. Adult literacy and vocational training for individuals who do not get formal education will also be examined.

Training for all age groups is considered to be a vital factor in developing native manpower. The participants are to look into new trends that can be incorporated in the educational policy to meet national manpower needs.

Participants will examine new applied education methods; special programmes offered and principles of syllabus design. Practical ways to help individuals cope with socio-economic changes will also be studied. These will be studied in the context of advances made in other world countries.

Research papers will be read on planning, teaching, training methods, educational institutions and administrative and supervisory methods. They will also follow-up and evaluate various educational programmes.

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## Floating eye hospital

## Special micro-surgery presentation, Oct 22

MORE than 150 eye specialists and general practitioners from around the Gulf are expected to attend a special presentation in Dubai next week to be hosted by famed Soviet eye surgeon, Professor Svyatoslav Fyodorov.

The presentation, which will take place next Sunday (October 22), will be held on board the Soviet floating eye hospital, the Petr Pervyy.

Professor Fyodorov, the man who pioneered eye micro-surgery techniques and perfected the use of artificial lens implantation, will outline to his Gulf audience the methods used at the celebrated Moscow Eye Clinic — methods reputed to be between 10 to 15 years ahead of conventional eye surgery. These include radial keratotomy myopia correction, cataract removal and silicone IOL lens implantation.

The doctors will be given the chance to question the professor and tour the medical centre on board the 10,000 ton vessel, including the

seven-stage diagnostics line and automated sight recovery line in the computerised multi-station operating theatre.

Doctors wishing to attend the demonstration can contact the organisers, Bain Communications on Dubai 522346.

The Petr Pervyy is due to dock in Jebel Ali port this Wednesday for a six months stay. A team of seven Fyodorov-trained surgeons are on board and can carry out up to 60 operations a day.

More than thirty different types of operations and treatments will be available on board the ship including laser interventions.

The vessel has been chartered by an organisation known as Floks (Flot-Oko-Service), which is a joint venture between the Moscow Eye Clinic and Sovcomflot, a leading Soviet shipping company. It was converted into an eye hospital earlier this year at a cost of US \$12.75m.



Barry Simpson (right) with officials from the Ministry of Information at the reception.

## Reuters mark 25 years in Kuwait

REUTERS, the world news and information organisation, on Monday marked the 25th anniversary of its opening in Kuwait with a reception at its new offices in the Kuwait Stock Exchange building.

The reception was attended by senior government officials, diplomats and Reuters clients from the media and banking and financial sectors.

Reuters Manager for Kuwait and Iraq, Barry Simpson, said in a speech at the reception that Reuters hoped it had contributed, through the news and information services it provides, to the growth and prosperity of the Kuwaiti economy.

"News and information are the life-blood of businesses of every description and indeed, an important part of all our daily lives."

"How much poorer would our lives be, how much more limited our knowledge of the world around us without the daily flow of news from around the globe, from Reuters and other sources, to our newspapers, television and radio stations?" Simpson said.

He said much had changed in the 25 years since Reuters opened in Kuwait.

"Communications and information technology have advanced at a staggering pace, making the world a smaller place. Major news developments flash around the world in seconds. Financial markets have become vastly more complex, more volatile, responding instantly to new developments."

"These changes offer both a challenge and an opportunity, to

both the user and the provider of information. Our aim is to remain at the forefront of advances in technology, to provide our clients with the competitive edge so vital to their continuing success."

Simpson said that in the almost 140 years since its foundation Reuters had built up a world-wide reputation for accuracy, speed and objectivity in the services it provided.

"We remain today as committed to those goals as ever, determined to remain the premier provider of fast, accurate and reliable news and information, both in Kuwait and around the world," he added.

Reuters supplies a wide range of services to both business subscribers and to the news media. It obtains its information from around 160 exchanges and over-the-counter markets, from data contributed directly by more than 3,680 subscribers in 80 countries and from a network of over 1,200 journalists, photographers and cameramen.

Reuters distributed information via some 177,000 video terminals and teleprinters and directly into clients' computers.

## KPTC can provide transportation: Haroon

CHAIRMAN of the Kuwait Public Transportation Company, KPTC, Abdul Wahab Al Haroon has supported the idea of restricting private transportation vehicles from entering crowded areas. He said that the idea of allowing only public transportation to enter such areas should be implemented. He added that KPTC has the ability to provide the necessary public transportation for passengers. He said that this system is being used in quite a few areas in Kuwait like the Embassies Complex and the Shuaiba Industrial Area and that it should be expanded to cover other areas. He added that the success of this system in those areas should be a motive to encourage the authorities to expand its use.

Haroon said that the success of the tourist bus route opposite the Waterfront Project, encouraged the KPTC to inaugurate another marine route. He announced that the future plans of the KPTC includes more concentration towards touristic services.

Haroon added that the statistics of 1988 show that the KPTC carried 119 million passengers during that year on all its 57 routes which were operating last year. He added that 1,050 buses were also hired to the Ministry of Education for the transportation of students and as many as 26.5 million students used KPTC buses last year. Besides, the KPTC provided 138 buses and 80 cars for the collective transportation of employees of several ministries.

KPTC also runs buses to Saudi Arabia for people interested in performing Haj and Umrah. During this season, 4,350 Kuwaiti pilgrims were carried in KPTC buses. The company ferries, shuttling between Failaka island and the mainland has carried 571,000 passengers in 8,560 trips.

On KPTC efforts to encourage private car owners to use KPTC buses, Haroon said that the company bought highly luxurious and airconditioned buses and runs them at fixed and organised times. But he admitted that traffic jams are the major obstacle to these buses arriving on time. He added that there are very encouraging signs that some people have started using public transport instead of using their cars.

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## Thought for today

CONCEALED talent brings no reputation — Erasmus, Dutch scholar (about 1466-1536).

## A psychological threat

## Water issue very sensitive in Israel

AS much as Israel hates the idea of yielding land to the Palestinians, to achieve peace it may also have to give up something nearly as valuable — water.

A peace settlement giving rule of the West Bank to the Palestinians would end Israel's physical control of an aquifer which supplies 20 per cent of the country's fresh water consumption.

The Jewish state would have to agree to reduce the amount it draws from the aquifer so that its Palestinian neighbours could develop their economy, Israeli water experts believe.

"The issue is very sensitive in Israel because of the psychological threat of hostile neighbours cutting off our resources," said Professor Hillel Shuval of Jerusalem's Hebrew University.

Right wing Israelis opposed to yielding control of the West Bank captured from Jordan in 1967, have seized on the issue.

"A Palestinian state in the West Bank would be like giving your drinking water to (Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman) Yasser Arafat," the opposition Tsomet Party said in a press campaign this month.

Scientists dismiss the idea of intentional sabotage of the West Bank aquifer, but agree that the issue is central to the debate on peace.

"Access to the aquifer will be important in dictating Israel's position on setting its border with a Palestinian state," said Joseph Alpher, deputy head of the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

"And no settlement could ever succeed without finding a way to regulate mutual access to the water." Israelis consume far more water, per capita than Palestinians, he noted.

"The Palestinians will say 'we want to develop too' — there will have to be greater symmetry of use," Alpher said.

Israel has barred any extra withdrawal from the aquifer, in effect curtailing increased irrigation and farm output in the West Bank.

Experts say Israel is already using virtually all its annual renewable fresh water supplies of 1.5 billion cubic metres.

Springs, rainwater and melted snow from south Lebanon and the Golan Heights are a major source. Stored in Lake Galilee, the water is pumped along a national water carrier to the Negev desert in the south, irrigation crops along the way.

Another 300 million cubic metres comes from recycling sewage, a field in which Israel is a world leader.

"The situation is very tight," said Shuval, an environmental scientist. "That's why there's such a frantic reaction to any threat to our water resources."

"We're dealing with national aspirations — the Zionist dream to create a green hinterland in Palestine and allow Jews to be farmers again."

Elisha Kally, a water engineer who has studied the role joint water projects could play in peace treaties with Arab neighbours, said Israel did not have to physically occupy the West Bank to maintain its water rights there.

"Under international law, historical use of water is decisive in determining who has rights to it," he said, noting that Israel and Jordan have a water sharing agreement.

Kally and other Israeli experts suggested a settlement with the Palestinians could include agreement by Egypt to take over the supply of water to the Gaza Strip, where overpumping has led to sea water contaminating underground supplies.

"Gaza needs at least 100 million cubic metres of extra water a year, which is one fifth of one per cent of Egyptian consumption but a meaningful amount for Israel," Kally said.

Water has long been a source of conflict between Israel and its neighbours.

In 1953, Damascus protested to the United Nations when the Israelis started building the water carrier on the Jordan River in the demilitarized zone bordering Syria. Israel moved the carrier intake to Lake Galilee.

A decade later Arab states began a project to divert the headwaters of the Jordan, contributing to the outbreak of the 1967 war in which Israel seized the Golan Heights from Syria, securing territory vital for both military and water strategy.

Shuval said Israel, eager for development in the first decades of its existence, had overpumped its other major aquifer on the Mediterranean coast, leading to creeping salinization.

The problem became more acute in 1986 when Israel suffered a drought, prompting a review of water policy.

"It's been the hope of Israeli water planners that by the 1990s desalination would be cheap enough to increase the fresh water supply.

"It's been a sort of technological messiah, but it won't be economically feasible in the foreseeable future," Shuval said.

He said Israel's known water resources could supply double the present population of about four million but only if there was a shift away from water-intensive agriculture.

"One family growing cotton uses the same amount of water as 200 families in the urban-industrial sector," Shuval said.

One of the advocates of desalination, former national water commissioner Meir Ben-Meir, said efforts to develop cheap methods should be stepped up.

"We must bear in mind that at some time in the first half of the next century there will be an acute crisis involving a shortage of water," he said. (Occupied Jerusalem — Reuter)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1540 — Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto fights Indians in southern Alabama.  
1622 — Treaty of Montpellier ends rebellion of Huguenots.  
1672 — Treaty of Suczeg between Turkey and Poland.  
1685 — France's King Louis XIV revokes Edict of Nantes, and French Protestants flee.  
1799 — Duke of York capitulates at Alkmaar, Holland, to French.  
1810 — Napoleon Bonaparte orders burning of British goods in Napoleonic states.  
1865 — United States demands withdrawal of French troops from Mexico.  
1867 — United States takes formal possession of Alaska from Russia.  
1912 — Italy and Turkey sign peace treaty at Lausanne.  
1925 — French fleet bombs Damascus, Syria.  
1944 — Soviet troops invade Czechoslovakia in World War II.  
1962 — United States urges UN General Assembly to condemn South Africa's racial policy of segregation.  
1967 — Unmanned Soviet spacecraft drops instruments onto surface of planet Venus, and they radio to earth that the planet's temperature is hot enough to melt metal.  
1971 — Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin is attacked by demonstrator on parliament grounds in Ottawa, Canada, but is unharmed.  
1974 — Soviet Union and Egypt agree to support establishment of a Palestinian state.  
1987 — Indian troops fight their way into Jaffna, stronghold of Tamil rebels in Sri Lanka, and engage in house-to-house combat.  
1988 — South Korea's President Roh Tae-Woo, at United Nations, extends olive branch to North Korea and calls for early summit meeting at Pyongyang.



President Bush: triumphs and brickbats

## Rocking along in public esteem

### People clearly back Bush

GEORGE BUSH is nearing the first anniversary of his election with few domestic legislative triumphs to savor and a barrage of attacks from critics who accuse him of weak, wishy-washy leadership.

The 65-year-old Republican President retains a relaxed, affable demeanor despite such adversity — as the recent stock market shocks showed — because the public clearly backs him despite brickbats on issues from budget-cutting to Panama.

Polls show Bush is achieving a public relations feat not even his best friends could have predicted: he is, nine months into a four-year term, even more popular than his legendary mentor, Ronald Reagan, was at a comparable point.

A recent Washington Post/ABC News poll gave him a job approval rating of 76 per cent, a height seldom touched by any US president and well above Reagan's 64 per cent. Bush is, as Secretary of State James Baker likes to say, "rocking along" in public esteem.

He demonstrated the low-keyed composure Americans find reassuring even as Wall Street gyrated through Monday morning jitters after its Friday the 13th plunge. The president just waved off reporters with a nonchalant, "I'm not worried."

While the stock market did rally that day, no one knew when Bush spoke if his confidence was justified economically or politically to make controversial decisions when they need to be made.

His handling of an abortive coup in Panama

brought the worst barrage yet as critics charged Bush missed a chance to oust Manuel Antonio Noriega by acting too cautiously. Timidity, they said, is a hallmark of this White House.

"This President is dithering around with his padde in the pond without realizing that we're nearing Niagara Falls," said James David Barber, a Duke University political scientist.

Even the admiring public seems to doubt Bush's caution.

In the Post/ABC poll more than half those surveyed said he was not doing all he could to solve domestic problems. A similar survey for Time magazine and the Cable News Network gave Bush a lustrous 75 per cent approval but also found that only 49 per cent thought he was taking charge on major issues — and 40 per cent said he just talks about them.

"The (job-approval) polls reflect an 'I'm all right, Jack' attitude — we're at peace and we're relatively prosperous," says political analyst Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution. "If any of that changes, his standing in the polls would quickly change."

Beyond the polls and the White House optimism is a relatively short list of domestic policy achievements.

Most significant to date is a \$166-billion rescue of the Savings and Loan industry.

A vaunted and highly controversial proposal to reduce capital gains taxes on investment profits — a

cut chiefly beneficial to wealthier citizens — was sidetracked in Congress's struggle to meet obligatory budget-cut goals.

Also languishing on Capitol Hill have been such Bush-backed proposals as a bill to tighten ethical standards for government officials including Congressmen, one to raise the salaries of federal judges and plans to fight crime by building more jails.

Bush's leadership style came under its first sustained fire last month when he launched his much-heralded war on drugs. Even fellow Republicans felt the plan was underfunded and, under pressure from Congress, he agreed to add almost a billion dollars to his original \$7.8 billion proposal.

Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder, who labelled Reagan the "Teefon President" for his ability to escape public blame for administration failures, calls Bush a "Revlon President" who offers only cosmetic solutions.

"Bush defenders point out that, unlike Reagan, he had a Republican seat at the table with six of his eight years, Bush must deal with Democratic majorities in Congress."

Analysts like Hess are not overly impressed.

"His record is certainly not distinguished at this point and it's too easy to blame divided government," Hess said. "We've had divided government for much of our contemporary history and we know how to deal with it." (Washington — Reuter)

## De Klerk changes political climate

SINCE becoming president two months ago, F.W. de Klerk has promised repeatedly to seek a "new South Africa." To an extent, it is here already.

In the old South Africa, whites would have not turned on the state-run television news or looked at pro-government newspapers and seen African National Congress leader Walter Sisulu gazing out at them, fist raised, a free man.

But on Monday, there was Sisulu, flanked by six colleagues, on TV and the front pages of virtually every daily paper in the country. The guerrilla movement technically remains outlawed, but at a news conference Sunday following their release from long prison terms they made clear that they were back at work.

The ANC has never lost its hold on support within the black community, but most whites have accepted the government's view that it was a communist-controlled terrorist group, bent on forcible seizure of power and imposition of a one-party system.

Since De Klerk replaced P.W. Botha in August, however, the political climate has changed dramatically. For the first time, the government is openly acknowledging the ANC's broad popularity among blacks, and even relatively conservative whites are beginning to accept the inevitability of negotiations between the guerrillas and the government.

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The change in perceptions was epitomised by the remarkable high-profile coverage which pro-government media gave to the ANC news conference Sunday. Beeld, the largest-circulation daily for the Afrikaners who dominate the government, ran a banner headline, "Sisulu speaks out," above a large colour picture of the seven ANC leaders raising clenched fists.

The South African Broadcasting Corp. showed the same scene on its Morning News and showed Sisulu urging "orderly and disciplined" pressure to force the government into further concessions.

Beeld, significantly, played down the freed prisoners' endorsement of continued guerrilla activity by the ANC and began its article with Sisulu's call for a democratic system in which either a black or a white could be president. There seemed to be no effort by the newspaper, nor by the TV network, to stir up antipathy toward the ANC.

The release of the seven ANC leaders, along with a member of a smaller guerrilla movement, was the most dramatic move yet taken by De Klerk, but it followed a series of recent steps by government officials aimed at enhancing the prospects for black-white negotiations.

Among these moves:

■ For the first time in years, the government has allowed mass demonstrations and marches by anti-apartheid activists. Hundreds of thousands of people have joined these marches in recent weeks, openly displaying ANC banners which in the past were likely to provoke police action.

■ The pace of desegregation has quickened. Johannesburg, the country's largest city, has eliminated the last of its whites-only public facilities, and only a handful of beaches remain segregated.

■ De Klerk met for three hours with three prominent anti-apartheid church leaders, including Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, by far the longest such talks in recent years between a head of state and black activists. Government officials held their first direct negotiations with activists on a 3-year-old rent boycott in Soweto, the country's largest black township.

There is debate over the degree to which these moves were influenced by foreign political pressure. De Klerk says he intended to move toward racial reconciliation regardless of overseas opinion, but there is no question that the threat of further sanctions has been on his mind.

"De Klerk had to move quickly after his inauguration," Con Botha, chief spokesman for the governing National Party, said Monday. "This (the prisoner release) is a continuation of what he said he would do to make it possible for the leaders to get together to negotiate."

As yet, De Klerk has won only modest praise for his moves, both at home and abroad. Those whose goal is a non-racial democracy are unlikely to applaud until the national party negotiates itself out of power.

Almos wistfully, De Klerk spoke of this lack of recognition after meeting Tutu last week.

"It appears as if the undertakings of this government have not been fully appreciated," he said. (Johannesburg — AP)

### Art Buchwald

## You'll never make a best seller as a man

EVERY two years I put out a new book and then make a tour of the talk shows plugging it. I can't do it anymore because this year it's impossible for someone who is not (ital) really (unital) weird to get on TV.

I discovered this when I walked into Lisa Johnson's office at the Putnam's and she said, "I've never heard anything so ridiculous in my life. The people at Phil Donahue's say they were very sorry but they can't put you on the show unless you have a sex-change operation."

I laughed. "That's a good one."

She wasn't laughing. She looked at me and said, "we'll pay for it."

"Now, Lisa, you know that I'm not going to have a sex-change operation just to sell a few books."

"That's your decision, but you will never make the best-seller lists as a man."

"What about Oprah Winfrey?" I asked.

"We talked to her producer. This month they're only doing people who were physically abused by

their pets when they were children."

"I had a dog who once bit me on the ankle. Any bulletins from Geraldo Rivera?"

"On his upcoming show he's featuring inmates who learned to cook key lime pie on Death Row."

"What about next Monday?" I wanted to know.

"He has a week-long series on pimps with their grandmothers."

"Count me out. I'm sorry Morton Downey Jr. is no longer on the air. I would have thrown a chair at him."

Lisa said, "It's an entirely different ball game this year. Everyone is in the rating game and you have to be really far out to get on the show. Maury Povich, who used to be a great interviewer, will not have you on his programme unless you've had kinky correspondence with the fax machine."

"What about the local show?"

"They're no better. You're not going to get a plug on TV unless you are on the FBI's 10 most wanted list."

I tried to reassure her. "The sex change sounds the easiest, but I won't have it unless they promise to give me the full hour on Donahue."

"I'll beat him because I train harder than he does and I'm a better fighter." — Ex-heavyweight king George Foreman giving an assessment of his upcoming fight with South African, Gerry Cooney.

"I don't think much of Tyson. Through boxing history, the world champion is always portrayed as indestructible and tough. But there is always someone harder who comes along and whips him. The things Tyson does, he does well. But he's nothing special. He hasn't beaten anybody of note. I'm going to whip him easily." — George Foreman making it look easy against Tyson.

"I realized long ago that I could not depend on luck to bring me success. I worked hard, extra hard to improve my my goal to accomplish, in my life, something of value and integrity." — Cornel Wilde

"I am still training with the boys in Philadelphia. But I am too busy enjoying life to think about a comeback." — Ex-champ "Smokin" Joe Frazier saying there's more to life than boxing.

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## Asian markets rebound as fears of crash abate



Taiwan investor smiles with happiness and re-found wealth as the stock index posted a record one day gain of 410 points on Oct 17. A wave of optimism turned around two days of sharp losses and sent the market back over the 10,000 mark. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Investor smiles

TAIPEI, Oct 17: Taiwan stock exchange posted largest one-day gain on news of the rapid recovery of the New York and Tokyo markets.

In Manila, share prices closed 0.87 per cent higher in moderate trading.

The 410.32-point gain in Taiwan

— 4.23 per cent — followed a drop of

320.48 points on Monday.

Share prices in Australia and New Zealand rallied as well.

The All-Ordinaries index, Aus-

tralia's main market indicator,

closed 6.6 points, or 3.8 per cent,

higher today after a 140.4-point fall on Monday.

In New Zealand, the Barclays

index gained 117.70 points, or 5.7 per cent, rebounding from an 8.5 per cent fall on Monday.

Friday's fall was set off by nerves

about the financing of takeover bids which have pushed Wall Street to record highs, and particularly the use of high-yield, high-risk junk bonds.

The FTSE took a hammering before Wall Street showed the way back on Monday, and London dealers said investors were now concentrating on the basics of the British economy.

Interest rates at an eight-year high of 15 per cent, a huge trade deficit and stubborn inflation make for a gloomy outlook.

"Looking at fundamentals, it's not so much a junk bond issue as a junk economy issue," said Stephen Hanan, head of research of Natwest treasury and capital markets. "The stock market tells us there's something wrong with some of the basic issues."

Trading at Frankfurt was hit by computer problems caused by a flood of orders to buy, a reverse of Monday when sell orders led to a 12.8 per cent fall.

When it finally opened the 30-share Dax index was 4.3 per cent higher.

"What happened yesterday had nothing to do with the stock markets. It was just a psychological game," said one Frankfurt dealer.

The Paris bourse, which had to suspend trade in leading shares on Monday because they fell more than their allowed limit, bounced back today. The CAC-40 index rose a healthy 2.17 per cent.

Madrid, the booming young stock market of Europe, likewise perked up, posting a 4.5 per cent gain at the opening.

Milan, which also suspended dealing in major shares on Monday, opened 3.4 per cent higher.

Dow down, Fed pumps more cash

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In the overall New York Stock Exchange this morning, dealing issues outpaced advances by about 3-to-1 after the first two hours of trading. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange totalled a heavier-than-usual 95 million shares.

Stocks rallied in Tokyo in response to Wall Street's strong finish yesterday, but London's market was again in sympathy with today's weakness on the New York Stock Exchange.

In Tokyo, where today trading ended before New York opened for business, the Nikkei stock average jumped by 527.39 points, or 1.5 per cent, to 34,996.08. The gain was the second largest on the Japanese market this year and erased most of yesterday's 647.33-point decline.

In London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-stock index was down 23.7 points or more than 1 per cent, to 139.7.

London, the biggest market, rebounded with a relatively moderate decline, but Frankfurt dealers reported a record drop yesterday, saw big gains in urgent buying.

In the morning, European share prices followed Tokyo's climb in relief over New York's strong finish yesterday and that all-out crash appeared to have been averted.

But then European share prices fell in the afternoon, on worse-than-expected US trade figures and on a subsequent weak opening on Wall Street.

The US trade deficit rose to \$10.77 billion, compared with market expectations of around \$9.7 billion.

Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average was down 27.87 points, or one per cent, to 2,629.57 at the time London closed.

The German Stock Index (Dax), which had plunged 12.8 per cent in its worst day drop ever yesterday, soared 89.72 points, or 6.4 per cent, to 1,475.44.

Frankfurt's trading volume was surprisingly yesterday's frenzied pace as small retail investors rushed to buy back some of the stocks they had dumped, and institutional funds took advantage of the lower prices to boost their holdings.

In Madrid, the Madrid stock market's general index rose 5.36 points, or 2 per cent to a provisional closing figure of 311.18. The index fell 6.5 per cent yesterday.

The Athens Stock Exchange general index rose 42.63 points, or 9.4 per cent at 497.79. It dropped 10.65 per cent yesterday.

TOKYO, Oct 17. (Agencies): An early buying spree led by Japanese institutional investors drove Tokyo stocks sharply higher today, nearly erasing the previous day's loss.

"Psychologically people are still hesitant. We want to see if the market is okay over the next one or two days," said Masatoshi Nakamura, manager of international trading for Goldman Sachs (Japan).

The 225-share Nikkei index closed up 527.39 points or 1.53 per cent, at 34,996.08. It had plunged 647.33 points on Monday.

Although some analysts say the volatility is almost over, many players are still shaken from this week's rollercoaster ride.

"Wednesday is the key market," said Tadashi Kawahami, trader for Merrill Lynch Japan.

"We are still watching the markets nervously," said Toyoharu Tsutsui, managing director at CS First Boston (Japan). "The volatility is the crucial point."

Construction shares led the winners.

The Tokyo stock market tumbled on Monday in sympathy with Wall Street's 191-point plunge on Friday, the second biggest one-day drop for the New York market.

Analysts said investors were encouraged by the recovery on Wall Street and statements by Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan that the US Central Bank would intervene to prevent a crash.

Japanese Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto repeated remarks he made Monday that he wasn't seriously concerned about the impact of Friday's plunge in New York on Japanese markets.

Mitsuhiko Kinugasa, a dealer with Daiwa Bank, said there had

### Market movements

LONDON, Oct 17, (Reuters): The following table shows the latest closes of key indices on major world stock exchanges, the day's change in points and the indices' 1989 highs and lows (with dates). Also shown are the London closes of the West German mark, the Japanese yen, the pound sterling and gold bullion (previous closes in brackets).

	Oct 17	Day's change	1989 high	1989 low
New York	2,629.10	+28.28	2,791.41	2,144.64
(noon)			(Oct 9)	(Jan 3)
London	2,135.5	-27.9	2,426.0	1,782.8
Tokyo	34,996.08	+527.39	35,689.98	30,83.79
Frankfurt	623.02	+40.22	690.91	535.78
Paris	526.5	+3.0	561.6	417.9
Sydney	1,662.6	+61.7	1,781.8	1,412.7
Hong Kong	2,695.90	+94.20	3,089.64	2,093.61
			(May 15)	(June 15)

Foreign exchange/gold bullion close in London

Dollar/yen 1.8525 marks (1.8645)

Dollar/yen 141.50 yen (141.65)

Dollar/yen 1.5830 dollars (1.5780)

Gold 367.75 dollars (366.25)

Indices used and their all-time highs

New York Dow Jones industrial average — 2,791.41 (Oct 9/89)

London FTSE index — 2,443.4 (July 16/87)

Tokyo Nikkei average — 34,996.08 (Oct 9/89)

Frankfurt Fax index — 753.82 (Aug 17/89)

Paris CAC General index — 561.6 (Oct 11/89)

Sydney Australian All-Ordinaries index — 2,305.9 (Sept 21/87)

Hong Kong Hang Seng index — 3,949.73 (Oct 1/87)

Street plunge.

Share prices on the securities exchange of Thailand also rebounded strongly today after a record 42-point fall the previous day.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index jumped 103.3 points, or nearly 4 per cent, in the first 20 minutes of trading to stand at 2,705, quickly regaining more than half the 180 points it lost the previous day.

The Australian and New Zealand market also bounced back, posting sharp gains in early trading after a day of near-record losses, brokers in Sydney and Wellington said.

The market recovery sent the dollar sharply higher in early trading in Tokyo. The Bank of Japan said the greenback opened 1.22 yen higher at 141.97 yen.

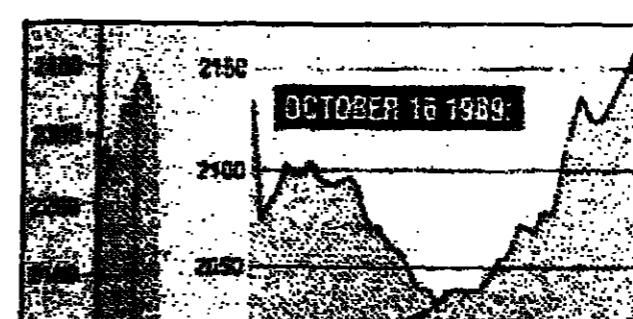
Asian and European financial markets had taken a beating across the board Monday as investors reacted to Friday's 190-point plunge on Wall Street. But the domino scenario of October 1987 did not repeat itself as authorities moved to restrict damage and investors took heart from the tentative US recovery.

Mexico's stock exchange, for example, in October 1987 registered some of the highest losses in the world as a percentage of total share value. In a hectic opening 45 minutes Monday it lost 2,583 points or just 0.58 per cent of value — losses a bourse official called "very insignificant."

The Tel Aviv stock market, which was one of the first to drop following the Wall Street plunge last week, was one of the first to rally Monday, marking a gain of 1.5 per cent.

Although the Tel Aviv market is limited to local stocks, it reacted to Friday's 190.58-point plunge on the New York Stock Exchange by dropping 6.9 points.

Elsewhere today, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index, the market's key indicator of blue chips, rose 117 points to 2,718 in the first 10 minutes of trading, before settling back to 2,694 by the end of the morning session. The index had plunged 6.5 per cent Monday after the Wall



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Graph showing the ups and downs of the London FT-SE 100 shares index from the crash of October 1987 to Monday's 82 point fall. The graph also shows FT-SE share movements through the day, Oct 16. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Dollar edges down

### Gold prices mixed

LONDON, Oct 17, (AP): The dollar fell today against most major currencies in European trading after the release of disappointing US trade figures.

Gold prices were mixed in sluggish trading.

Dealers said the dollar traded in a narrow range before dropping on news that the US trade deficit widened unexpectedly in August to \$10.77 billion. Traders had expected a deficit around \$9.5 billion.

Dealers said the dollar perked up after the release of slightly better-than-expected US industrial production and capacity utilization figures.

It shows that even a bad figure can't depress the market, for there is enough interest in buying the dollar when it's cheap," said one dealer at a US bank in Frankfurt.

The extra American aid will help cover a financing gap already reduced by this year's rescheduling agreements with Jordan's bilateral and commercial creditors.

Prince Hassan told reporters that Washington had agreed to provide \$67 million in technical assistance and food programmes, including a \$5 million grant for food aid.

Amman will get \$15 million in housing guarantees programmes and loans spread over 30 years, \$75 million under the general sales management (GSM) programme, \$48 million in military credits and \$2 million in grants for military education and training schemes.

The prince, acting as regent for King Hussein who is on a private visit to Britain, said the United States was expected to provide an additional \$27 million, but did not elaborate.

He expected Washington to give Jordan a total of \$257 million in assistance and grants in fiscal 1991.

Prince Hassan met US President George Bush, Secretary of State James Baker and senior officials of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington last month.

Jordan agreed economic reforms with the IMF in August and has begun rescheduling its debt of up to \$8 billion.

The IMF has considered Jordan as a model of salutary change, not because it implemented their policies but because we were aware of our problems some time before they happened," the prince said.

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THE Sun, which of late has shown marked improvement in performance, has selected for its new corporate identity — The "Sun," a symbol of enduring quality, continuity and relevance.

The new identity was presented to public view in Bombay on October 15, 1989 with a dramatic airshow and fly-past as the first Boeing 747, the Emperor "Rajendra Chola" splendid in its new livery flew low over the sea-front of Bombay, escorted by Air Force jets.

The "Sun," one of the most elemental and powerful symbols in the world, — a celestial body used as an aid to navigation since time immemorial, lends itself appropriately as Air-India's new symbol. Rendered as a symmetrical oval in Air-India's new identity, its 24 rays symbolize the 24 hours in a day. The gold rays and enclosing gold ring are given added brilliance by a saffron yellow outline, — a design which combines the Indian heritage with an international look.

The "Sun," prominently positioned in metallic gold on the aircraft against a deep red ambaras-darrior sash which encircles the top of the fuselage and drapes over a portion of the tail, will be the highlight of the newly-designed livery of the East's with the West — giving to its passengers throughout its far-flung network, the best of both worlds.

As Air-India proudly presents its "New Look," the "Sun," together with the sash and new colours of red and gold, will be the dominant graphic image used to project its new identity as a contemporary forward-looking airline, blending the grace of the East with the pace of the West — giving to its passengers throughout its far-flung network, the best of both worlds.

The re-designed logo "Air India"

in Hindi, Devanagari and English will be displayed on the aircraft in a new

custom lettering style. This contemporary Air-India logo type which will be displayed on Air-India's fleet, in red with a metallic gold shadow, reaffirms the airline's commitment to an era of dynamic change and consolidation.

## China dusts off Bird cage economy theory

BEIJING, Oct 17. (Reuter): China has dusted off a long-forgotten symbol of central economic planning known as the "bird cage theory", a move viewed by Western diplomats as another sign of retreat from reform.

They said this week that the revival was further evidence that the discredited reform wing of the Communist Party had lost influence before a key party plenum.

The influential official paper Economic Daily praised the theory associated with Chen Yun: an 84-year-old advocate of central planning.

His theory, rarely mentioned during the heyday of economic reforms begun in 1978, likens markets to a "bird" that should be allowed to fly, but within the "cage" of socialist central control.

The veteran revolutionary who rose to senior party and government posts has long advocated a Soviet-style economy, focusing on central planning and heavy industry.

Though Chen opposed the radical leftist policies of Mao Tsetung in the 1950s and 1960s, he later became one of the few officials able to publicly challenge paramount leader Deng Xiaoping over the introduction of Western-style reforms.

Chen left the limelight two years ago, stepping down from the party's central committee, but has emerged from obscurity since the army crushed a pro-democracy campaign and hardliners ousted reform Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang in June.

The Economic Daily, in an interview with Zhou Zhizing, an economic planning official, said Chen Yun's theory still applied to China's economic situation.

"We want the bird to fly but not to fly away," it quoted Zhou as saying. "This is the problem we are facing today."

Diplomats said this signalled further curbs on the free-market sector of the economy, which had grown markedly with the encouragement of Zhao Ziyang.

"We were beginning to think of an aviator as a bird cage," said another Western envoy, referring to liberal policies in place before the crackdown.

Since the hardliners ousted Zhao, the state controlled media have stressed state ownership and heavy industry while trying to reduce the role of collective and private industry.

### Currency rates

	Bid	Offered
US dollar	0.29832	0.29837
Sterling	0.49093	0.47204
DM	1.5897	1.6058
Sw. Fr	0.18238	0.18321
Fr. Fr	0.0471045	0.0471249
Ita. Lira	0.00021284	0.000212843
Japan. Yen	0.00021284	0.000212843
Br. Daler	0.78082	0.78102
UAE. Dh	0.081192	0.081527
S. Royal	0.070104	0.0702832
Q. Royal	0.081883	0.082244
O. Royal	0.77430	0.77430

### Interest Rates

KL. WATI (Oct 16) (Kuwait)	Following are the average K.D. interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.
Period	Bid
1 month	8.5-16
3 months	8.5-16
6 months	8.5-16
1 year	8.5-16

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indian rupee	17.840
Sri Lankan rupee	2.580
Pakistani rupee	14.270
Bangladesh taka	9.190
US dollar	0.77430
Pound sterling	47.325
UAE. dirham	0.08145
Deutsch. mark	160.080
Japanese yen	0.02115

## Singapore shipyards boom as Asian oil trade surges

SINGAPORE, Oct 17. (Reuter): Asia's rapid economic growth has sparked a regional boom in seaborne oil trade, ensuring at least two more years of strong growth for the Singapore ship repair industry, shipping analysts say.

Singapore's 1989 ship repair revenue is expected to rise to at least 1.2 billion dollars (\$10 million) from \$99 million (\$10 million) in 1988, said Charles Foo, country manager for Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

"More than 40 per cent of Sip-

gapore's ship repair revenue is derived from repair of oil tankers," he said.

Asia-Pacific oil demand is expected to increase to 12 million barrels a day in 1990 and 14 million in 1995 from about 11 million in 1987, shipping and oil analysts said.

Japan accounts for 42 per cent of the region's demand and most tankers come from Japan to Singapore for repair and servicing, they said.

The major Singapore yards are Sembawang Shipyard, Keppel

Shipyard, a unit of Keppel Corp, and Jurong Shipyard, a unit of Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries of Japan.

The Keppel and Jurong shipyards reported full repair orders till the end of the year, about half for oil tankers.

Jurong Shipyard's net profits are expected to rise by 35 per cent from a year earlier to 35 million dollars (\$17.9 million) in 1989, and Keppel Corp's profits by 63 per cent to 67 million (\$42 million), a share analyst said.

Indonesia's state oil company, Pertamina, recently signed a contract with Jurong Shipyard to maintain, upgrade and repair Pertamina-owned tankers for the next two years.

Jurong Shipyard is also discussing a contract to build floating hotels for the Russians, a shipping source said.

Jurong officials declined to comment.

"A recent announcement that Singapore has offered its berthing and ship-repairing facilities to the US has also boosted the shipyard industry,"

the share analyst said.

World seaborne oil trade is likely to increase to 6,380 billion ton-miles in 1990 and 8,000 in 1995 from 5,940 in 1987. World oil tanker replacement rates may not be sufficient to meet these levels, a shipping analyst said.

Foo said ship repair and conversion were more lucrative for Singapore than ship building because Singapore could not compete in large-scale building with South Korea and Japan.

Repair services in Singapore are

cheaper than in South Korea, Japan and Europe. But the local labour shortage presents an obstacle to growth, Foo said.

"There will be competition for repair jobs of tankers among yards in Singapore," senior sales manager at Korea's Hyundai Mipo Dockyard, told a shipping conference here.

He said China, the Philippines, India, Turkey and Poland could become important ship repair centres due to competitive labour costs.

### Exploration rights to be granted

## Burma to sign 2 more oil deals

BANGKOK, Oct 17. (Reuter): The military government in Burma (Myanmar) said it would grant oil-exploration rights to at least two foreign companies after ending a 26-year ban on foreign participation in oil exploration.

Rear-Admiral Maung Maung Khin, Energy and Mines Minister, said in an interview nine blocks were up for tender and he hoped contracts to exploit them would be signed by the end of the year. He declined to name the companies involved.

The blocks are in Central Burma, from the Chindwin river area down to north of Rangoon.

A contract signed earlier this month with Yukong Ltd of South Korea for a 10th block was the first onshore oil contract with Burmese experts, he said.

Burma has approached several foreign companies but tenders would be opened to other companies early next year.

Maung Maung Khin, also responsible for finance and planning, is a member of the ruling military council that took power in a bloody coup last September to crush a pro-democracy uprising. It has promised to open the economy to foreign influence after 26 years of isolation.

He said current oil output was about 16,000 barrels a day. "This is quite sufficient for our present needs. Not plentiful but we still don't import apart from some lubrication oil."

Burma needed at least \$1 billion to develop about seven trillion cubic feet of offshore natural gas resources discovered by Yukong, he said.

Burma has approached several foreign companies but tenders would be opened to other companies early next year.

"We have been closed for a long time and now we have opened up. These ideas are new to us. We have to study them so we don't be cheated," he said.

He also said foreign companies from Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea and Australia had shown interest in bidding for mining concessions, especially in copper, gold, tin and zinc.

"You name the mineral and we've got it," he said.

He said the \$50 million South Korean oil contract provided for three years of exploration which could be extended yearly for a maximum of five years. After three years Yukong would have to give up a quarter of the acreage.

"If they find oil they can continue exploration for 20 years," he said.

## Donors to discuss aid to Lanka

### Colombo faces human rights hurdle

COLOMBO, Oct 17. (Reuter): Tarnished by government-linked killings and torture charges, Sri Lanka will have to defend its human rights record when donors meet in Paris today to discuss aid to the island, officials and diplomats said.

"Human rights, certainly ... we are all worried about what is going on in Sri Lanka," a Western diplomat said.

He said his country was among several that would raise the issue of human rights at the World Bank-sponsored meeting, which will be attended by 21 countries and five aid agencies.

A government economist involved in aid negotiations agreed Sri Lanka would likely face tough questioning on its human rights record.

Colombo is seeking up to \$750 million in grants and soft loans, far above the \$61.2 million it won in Paris in June.

Sri Lankans and diplomats have been shocked at a wave of killings by pro-government gangs who scour the country for members of the Sinhalese People's Liberation Front, which is trying to overthrow the government.

The vigilantes widely believe to include soldiers and henchmen of ruling-party politicians, often kill their victims by burning them on piles of rubber tyres on roadsides.

Human rights activists have also accused the government of torturing detainees.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa has denied his govern-

ment is to blame and last week invited the International Red Cross to visit the island.

This year's Paris meeting was postponed to October because the United Nations government, which took office in February, wanted more time to lick the economy into shape.

For the past 10 years the island has been torn by violent campaigns by Tamil separatists and the Sinhalese rebels.

More than 15,000 people have died in the fighting.

Diplomats said donors were unlikely to cut aid despite the government's failure to stop the killings.

"I think donors would express their concern on the human rights aspects in country statements, but would not explicitly say ... stop the killings, or else ...," a diplomat said.

He said government workers in rural areas hit by the unrest feared both the army and the left-wing front. "There is a tremendous feeling of insecurity and very little economic development is taking place," he said.

Britain and West Germany recently pulled out aid workers from the central Kandy district because of frequent work stoppages called by the Sinhalese front and poor security.

The economy has been shattered by the unrest. Tourism fell to 182,000 arrivals last year from 402,000 in 1982. Foreign investment has fallen to a trickle and production has been stalled by strikes.

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### Travelogue competition

Barclays Interpayment has drawn the winner of the Barclays Travelogue competition on October 3 under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture. Regional director Andrew Campbell revealed that the competition drew overwhelming response from customers in the Gulf region, more specifically from Saudi Arabia. First prize of two return tickets to London donated by Gulf Air went to Mousa Abdullah Miran Al Baluchi from Oman. Second prize of travellers cheques worth \$1,000 went to Mr Naiif Darwish Shahin from Saudi Arabia and five consolation prizes of \$500 travellers cheques were won by Nelson Baria, Arifoun F. Yaacoub, Kunanthody Kunhalil Kutty, Abdulla Oudah Saeed Al Bloui and Ziyad A. Aziz Al Dhaheen, all from Saudi Arabia. Present at the competition held at their offices were (L-R) Rashid Jume, Gulf Air district sales manager (P), Andrew Campbell, regional director, Barclays Interpayment, Mansoor A. Al Fardan, Representative of the Ministry of Commerce & Agriculture, Peter Haward, world-wide director of sales and marketing, Barclays Interpayment, Hussain Aliy, regional director's assistant, Barclays Interpayment and Hadi Al Alawi, chairman & managing director of Arab Advertising Agency.

## Thousands of Egyptian workers seek prosperity in Libya

BENGHAZI, Libya, Oct 17. (AP): Abdou Mohammed sold a cow in his southern Egyptian village to get money for a bus ticket to Libya and a better future.

Today, squatting beside the sidewalk stand where the hawk plastic water bottles and combs, he laments his decision to abandon the farm and dreams of returning to it.

"I can't find any work ...," he said. "All I want is just to go back home."

Mohammed is among thousands of Egyptians who in the last four months have poured across the frontier separating the North African neighbour from Egypt's bitterest enemy. Their enticements are warmer official relations between Tripoli and Cairo and bleak prospects from Egypt's faltering economy.

But wealth eludes most of them in Libya. They compete with thousands of workers from South Korea, Poland, Romania, Sudan and Ghana for fewer jobs as reduced oil revenues force Libya to retrench from abandoned grandiose construction schemes.

Forewarned by those who have come before, many Egyptians now arrive in this Mediterranean city weighted down with "made in Egypt" aluminium pots, plastic mats and chocolate bars, all Libyan favours.

But those like Mohammed and his friend Rabia Ahmed brought only their visions of continuing careers as farmers, expecting to earn far more money than back home in Sohag, 245 miles (410 kilometres) south of Benghazi's main ports.

On a September visit, Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi came across hundreds of jobless, homeless Egyptians living in one of Benghazi's main ports.

Shortly afterwards, they were transferred to an unfinished concrete-and-steel school building, and the bazaar rumour mill says the shift was on direct orders of Khaddafi.

In Libya, walls, fences and utility poles sport a profusion of propaganda banners and posters. One in Benghazi says: "Libya is for all the Arabs," but until recently that wasn't so true for Egyptians.

worse than hawking Egyptian paraphernalia to Libyans. "I might continue the business," he said.

Scenes from Cairo's poor and squalid quarters have been transported to Benghazi, the first major stop for buses plying routes across the border opened last summer for the first time in more than a decade. Egyptian women carrying babies roam among cars at traffic lights to beg. Others wipe windshields for a pittance, or sell plastic lanterns.

In 1986, Khaddafi pleading financial problems, announced a slash in the number of foreign workers allowed in Libya to a \$75 (\$30) work permit or an invitation.

When borders were reopened, thousands of Egyptians crossed it, many of them merchants.

But despite that, and the global oil glut that has cut Libya's annual petroleum income to



Anyone can become a high achiever using mind-bending methods

# Pictures in the mind can turn one into a genius

By Kate Saunders

PARENTS can turn their children geniuses by using an amazing technique based on "pictures in the mind," says a top expert.

Tony Buzan claims to have successfully taught his "mind-bending" methods to the royal family, top politicians and businessmen.

Buzan, 47-year-old member of the International Council of Psychologists, said: "Anyone can be a high achiever using my methods. It's a question of learning how to use your brain properly."

His method includes learning to have a dazzling memory. He does this "by association." He explained: "To remember the number two, think of a swan — because the shape of its curved neck resembles this number. Two oranges on your shopping list would be remembered by a mind picture of a swan and an orange."

And students shouldn't agonize over long hours of swotting. Buzan says short, intense bursts of concentration are far more effective.

Then he advises pupils to draw "mind maps." These are personal diagrams where "map" the salient points that have to be learned.

Buzan, who is setting up mind centres all over the world, even makes sure students are physically fit. He explains: "Being in good physical condition helps concentration. A healthy body is a healthy mind."

He went on: "Any kid who wants to do well at university can do so. They just have to be taught how. When I teach children how to use their brains and memories, I use pictures, sound and all the senses."

"I advise the Royal family how to cope with the stresses and strains of their job in the public eye. But their basic problems are the same as those of children. They have been taught the wrong way. Our educational system suffers from what I call 'a forgetting disease.'

"Schools teach people how to remember things simply by reciting them over and over again. But often they soon forget these lessons through boredom.

"I encourage children to use their imaginations. To build memory by conjuring up exciting pictures in their minds."

Buzan, whose books on the mind have sold millions, went on: "We are not taught at school to use that amazing bio-computer, the brain."

"Instead of being encouraged to have a creative wide outlook on life children are taught to compartmentalise. This means they put, say, maths, English and science in isolated pigeon holes."

There should be links in the mind between every subject. For example, the fifteenth century genius Leonardo da Vinci created beautiful paintings and was a brilliant inventor and technician.

"Leonardo was fascinated by all subjects and was clever enough to realise that everything connects to everything else. But he was only using the same brain capacities we all have."

"And, all those years ago, Leonardo was using the same technique I am today...imagination and creativity."

Fair-haired Buzan proved his theories by taking an "average schoolboy" called Edward Hughes under his wing. Today Edward is a high-flyer in business, holding a first-class Cambridge degree in land economics.

Buzan explained: "Before reading my book, use your head and practise my methods of learning.

Edward had been an unexceptional schoolboy. At the age of 15, he gained unimpressive C's and B's in a handful of examinations.

"But Edward desperately wanted to go to top university, Cambridge. And I believe that, if you want something badly enough, it is possible to achieve it."

"Edward's teachers said he could never do it, and completely discouraged him. So he studied my methods of using the brain."

He began to feel more relaxed and motivated. As the teachers still insisted he would not pass the exams to Cambridge, Edward even had to pay the £20 entrance fee himself. But, all the time he declared, "I will get an A!"

Buzan, who has presented television and radio programmes on memory and learning, went on: "Edward continued to use mind maps, creative summaries of the key points that need to be remembered. And he studied the technique of writing decisive essay."

"While Edward was studying, he ran two to three miles a week, got lots of fresh air, and worked out in a gym. He became better physically, which helped his concentration."

When Edward's results came through, his teachers were amazed. He had gained three A's, two distinctions, and was the top student in all his subjects. His dream came true when he was invited to go to Cambridge.

There, Edward allocated two to three hours a day, five days a week, to study.

The once "average" schoolboy, now a top executive with a multi-national company, told me: "During those three hours, I went to a key lecture. I summarised all the relevant information in mind map form."

"When I had an essay to write, I used another system of speed reading, breaks for reflection and a series of mind maps. Writing the essay normally took just 45 minutes. Using this technique, I regularly achieved high marks."

Edward was following the Buzan system of using short bursts of concentration. He believes that long periods of study tempt students into taking breaks for the odd hamburger or TV programme.

The psychologist's method had a brilliant pay-off for Edward. In his final exams, he attained two first-class marks, which were the highest grades in the university for that subject.

He had also played in the university soccer, tennis and squash teams, and had founded the Young Entrepreneurs Society.

Buzan insists that any average pupil at a normal school could do the same as Edward. Just by following his advice.

And Buzan, who lives in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, believes the power of the mind can make a person happier. He explained: "When you use your imagination, life is so much richer. You become much more aware of the beauty around you."

"This is because when you're using your head, you're not just using your IQ. Your senses are an extension of your brain. So, for example, if you're more aware of your taste, you're touching more, and if you can really see, you'll tend to remember more."

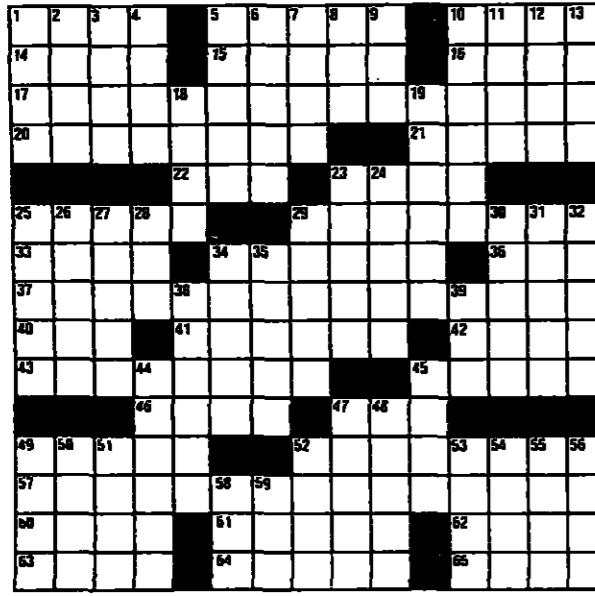
"Each sense develops the other and makes it more complete. So, when we teach children how to use their brains and memories, we use pictures, sound, and all the senses."

The result: a genius with a satchel in your home.



A school child with a globe in between study sessions.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**  
 1 Oman coin  
 5 Kind of ray  
 10 Feel blue  
 14 Singer-composer from Canada  
 15 Prince Charming, e.g.  
 16 Site of Iowa State College  
 17 Dancers of first rank  
 20 City residence  
 21 Practical  
 22 Words of consent  
 23 Singe Well-known Hollywood family  
 24 Hedge sparrow  
 33 Hunt hero  
 34 Out of the way  
 35 Actor McKellen  
 37 Eagles and Oiers  
 40 Five-spot  
 41 Ecclesiastical wear  
 42 Chil  
 43 Namesakes of a Roosevelt  
 45 — of Fortune  
 46 Eat in style  
 47 The Grande  
 49 "Tiny Alice" playwright  
 52 Surpass in scope  
 57 Nightclub activity  
 60 Part of HOMES  
 61 Spinning  
 62 Wings  
 63 George C. Scott movie: 1981  
 64 Transport to Staten Island  
 65 Earl Biggers' middle name

**DOWN**  
 1 Completely absorbed  
 2 Concerning  
 3 Related  
 4 Gold fabric  
 5 Made fun of  
 6 Hersey bell town  
 7 Soften  
 8 — de tête  
 9 English country festival  
 10 — d' hotel  
 11 Stadium in Atlanta  
 12 Loud ringing of bells  
 13 Being: Lat.  
 14 Ruler  
 15 —Urundi, Africa  
 16 Crinkled fabric  
 17 Cordell and Henry  
 18 Faux pas  
 19 Seething  
 20 Singer Debby  
 21 Call by the ump  
 22 Lemons  
 23 Namesake of a Roosevelt  
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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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 ♦ K 7 3  
 ♦ 10 8 7 0  
 ♦ K 6

**WEST**

♦ 7 2  
 ♦ A J 9 8 5  
 ♦ A K Q J  
 ♦ 10 9

**EAST**

♦ 8 3  
 ♦ 6 4  
 ♦ 9 5 3  
 ♦ Q J 5 4 3 2

**SOUTH**

♦ A K Q J 9  
 ♦ Q 10 2  
 ♦ 4 2  
 ♦ A 8 7

The bidding.

West North East South

1 Pass Pass Dbl

2 Pass Pass 2 ♦

Pass 4 ♦ Pass Pass

Pass

Opening lead: King of

Only a person with a very stubby burn streak would take a finesse which is almost certain to fail. You must search for greener pastures.

North made a well-judged leap to four spades on minimal values. Since partner's bidding promised a considerably better-than-minimum hand, North deemed that well-placed kings behind the opening bid and the ruffing value in clubs would

almost surely be worth enough tricks for game because of the four-card trump support.

The defense attacked with three rounds of diamonds, declarer ruffing the third. Obviously, the problem was to avoid losing two heart tricks. Since East did not take a heart preference, chances of finding the jack of hearts well placed were negligible.

Declarer found a way out of his dilemma. After drawing trumps in two rounds, South crossed to the king of clubs, ruffed dummy's last diamond, cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club in dummy. With the minor suits eliminated, declarer led a low heart from the table to the queen in his hand, and West was a dead duck.

The defender took the ace of hearts, but was faced with a choice of losing alternatives. If he happened to have a minor suit card as an exit, declarer would ruff it in one hand while discarding the losing heart from the other. That was not the case, so West had to lead a low heart away from the jack. But it was declarer, not partner, who held the ten. South allowed the heart to ride around to hand, and the game was a dead duck.

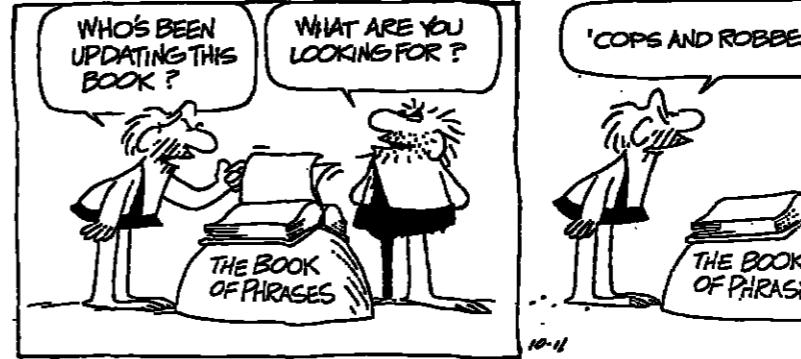
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## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You are trying to do all at once. Stop it. You should keep calm particularly when dealing with a nervous person. Keep your head high and your mind open. Be a little more abstinent.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

This is going to be one of those days for you so seek not to do anything unusual. No need to be gloomy or despondent. You will tend to make a mountain out of a molehill, try not to. Be forgiving.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will tend to be rather on the nervous side and should be a good deal of every opportunity to relax. Do not try to rush things or to do too many all at once. Do not however neglect your commitments. Be generous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

There is no need for you to feel at a disadvantage only if you do will you. You ought to make a few allowances where a friend of yours is concerned. Do not allow yourself to dwell on the past. Be frugal.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will tend to become a little too set in your ways and should try to restrain the trend. Something you had thought not possible is if you make the effort. Do not spend as if you had all the money in the world. Be considerate.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will have something to be pleased about. You should not neglect doing something that will have to be done sooner or later in any case. Try not to allow yourself to waste so do not dither or procrastinate. Be amicable.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You should not judge entirely by appearances try to look beneath the surface too. You should not lose sight of your objectives. There is no waste so do not dither or procrastinate. Be respectful.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should beware of permitting your attention to stray. It would be wrong for you to ignore an opportunity to save money. However do not think to save by delaying repairs or maintenance. Be polite.



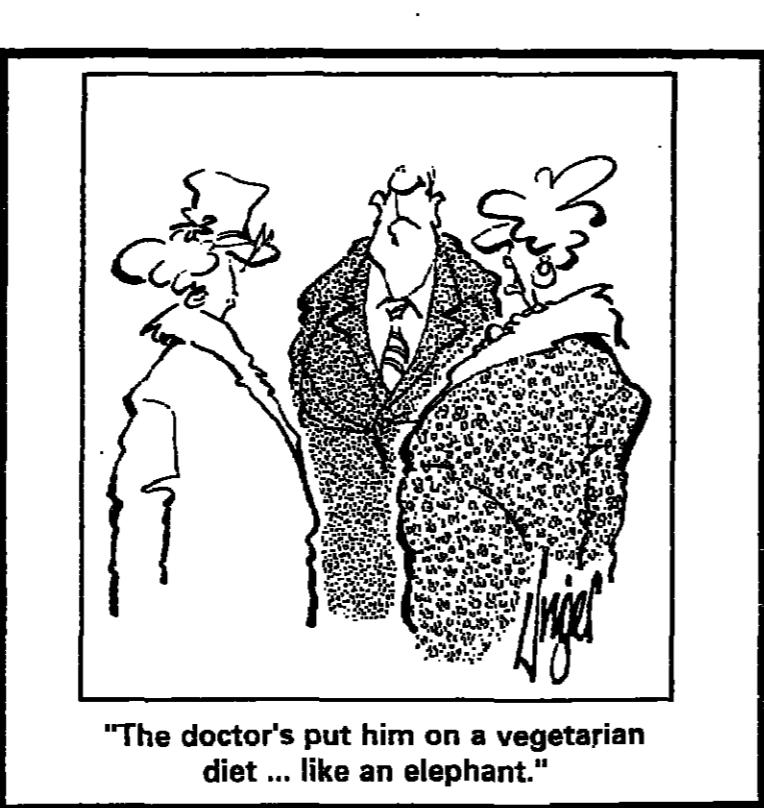
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will have to deal with an unusual problem and should not be too proud to accept help in dealing with it. You must keep your wits very much about you and use your common sense to the full. Make sure you do not make it easier for burglars. Be careful.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

Others are more likely to agree with you only you must not go too far. Your lucky numbers are 2 and 32. Your health also depends on your not picking up bad habits where diet is concerned.



Johnnie Hart

# Toddlers under studio spotlight

## Child modelling booms

PARIS, Oct 17, (Reuter): Top French model Clio Picot spends much of her career cuddling bunny rabbits, posing with jam smeared over her face and being tossed in the air by square-jawed athletes.

Such are the trials and tribulations of life as a five-year-old mannequin, in hot demand from advertisers impressed by the selling power of her angelic beauty.

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# Phoenix Park racecourse to close

DUBLIN, Oct 17. (Reuter): Phoenix Park, one of Ireland's top racecourses and home to the world's richest two-year-old race, is to close down because of recurring losses, its millionaire owners announced today.

The 87-year-old racecourse, known in its heyday as Ireland's Ascot, is to be sold to property developers and turned into a housing estate.

The Phoenix has risen twice from the

ashes in the 1980s. It received \$8 million facelift from an international syndicate of racing millionaires in 1983 and the grandstand had to be rebuilt in 1988 after being ravaged by a fire.

But British magnate Robert Sangster and Irish trainer Vincent O'Brien, who rescued the course when the property group developing it collapsed, have decided to close Phoenix Park at the end of

the 1991 season.

They blamed rising costs, the government's refusal to plough betting revenue back into racing and falling attendances — Phoenix Park averages 5,000 on a good day.

Phoenix Park manager Jonathan Irwin, the flamboyant showman who launched the Cartier Million two-year-old race as a major boost to Irish bloodstock sales, bitterly regretted the closure.

He also blamed the government for failing to give racing a slice of the off-course betting levy on bookmakers.

"If the British experience is anything to go by, once there is a direct link between racecourses and betting, the profitability and capital value of racecourses increases dramatically," he said in a statement.

## Sweden name squad for Cup qualifier

STOCKHOLM, Oct 17. (Reuter): Sweden manager Olof Nordin announced yesterday a squad built around the defensive talents of Liverpool's Glen Hysen and the scoring appetite of Benfica's Mats Magnusson for a crucial World Cup qualifier against Poland.

Nordin's squad for Sweden's final European Group Two tie, away in Chorzow on Oct 25, remains unchanged from the one for the tie against Albania earlier this month which put Sweden within reach of their first World Cup finals since 1978.

"I was satisfied with our effort against Albania, so why change a winning team?" Nordin said.

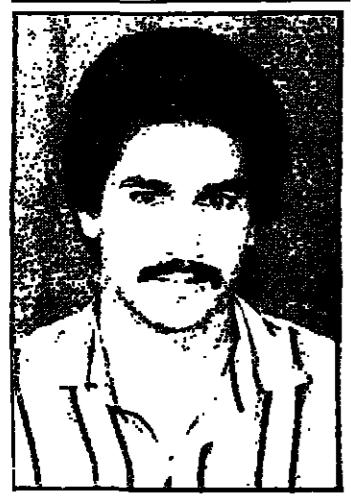
Nordin said the key players in his 18-man squad included defender Hysen, impressive so far in his first season with Liverpool, and playmaker Jonas Thern and striker Magnusson, both of Benfica.

Magnusson scored four times against Persiehl during a weekend to bring his Portuguese League tally to 11 goals.

Sweden will win Group Two if they beat Poland. A draw would also ensure them a ticket to the finals as one of the best two second-placed teams from groups one, two and four.

"I was impressed by the Polish attack and their fighting spirit against England. But the Poles (held to a goalless draw by England) now have nothing to play for, and that should be an advantage for us," Nordin said.

Squad — Sven Andersson, Thomas Ravelli, Glenn Hysen, Peter Larsson, Roger Ljung, Roland Nilsson, Stefan Schwarz, Leif Engqvist, Klas Ingesson, Niclas Larsson, Anders Limpar, Joakim Nilsson, Jonas Thern, Johnny Ekstrom, Mats Gren, Jan Hellstrom, Stefan Lindqvist, Mats Magnusson.



# Milan set to face Real

## Butragueno may not play

LONDON, Oct 17. (Reuter): Depleted and demoralised AC Milan are bracing themselves for Real Madrid's European Cup backlash.

Six months after the humiliation of their crushing 5-0 semifinal defeat by the Italians in the San Siro stadium, the Spaniards return tomorrow desperate for vengeance.

And AC Milan fans know they could get it.

Top of the Spanish First Division and with few injury worries, new Welsh coach John Toshack will send out his side to chase a victory which will bring almost as much satisfaction in Madrid as ending the club's long wait for the trophy. They enjoyed the last of their six triumphs in 1966.

By contrast, holders Milan are still without inspirational Dutchman Ruud Gullit, have several other stars out injured and have made their worst start to a domestic season for six years.

"We will look Real in the eye without fear," said Milan trainer Arigo Sacchi, who admits the Spaniards are currently a better side going into the second round first leg match, unquestionably the tie of the round.

Besides Gullit, Sacchi is also without defender Filippo Galli and striker Daniele Massaro. European Footballer of the Year Marco van Basten is back after a six-week absence with a cartilage injury but lacks match fitness



while another Dutchman, Frank Rijkaard, has hurt a foot but is determined to play.

The three Dutchmen all found the net last April as Milan routed the Spaniards with five goals in an hour to book their place in the final before lifting the trophy for the third time in their history but for the first time in 20 years.

Toshack's only worry is an ankle injury to Spanish inter-

national Emilio Butragueno — his chances of playing are rated 50-50 — and the Welshman insisted: "We're going to put things in their place. The good thing about this match is that we have an opportunity to erase these bad memories."

Real, crushed 3-0 by Barcelona in the Spanish First Division last week, overran Malaga 4-0 on Sunday in a comfortable

## Hlasek rallies to beat Reneberg

# Agassi routs Masur, Curren upset

TOKYO, Oct 17. (AP): Andre Agassi breezed past Australian Wally Masur 6-3, 6-4 today while fellow American Kevin Curren was upset by unseeded Eric Jelen of West Germany in the first round of the \$627,500 Seiko Super tennis tournament.

The 19-year-old Agassi lost only two points on his own service in the first set as he belted powerful ground strokes from the baseline.

Masur rushed the net behind powerful serve that gave him 12 aces, including four in the eighth game. Agassi had two aces in the match. Masur hit 73 per cent of his first serves against Agassi's 61 per cent.

But Agassi gained a key service break in the second set's fifth game, after recovering from 0-4 to keep service in the fourth game.

"It was pretty good today considering the fact that I had not played for six days. I hit the ball cleanly and took the advantages at the

right time," said Agassi, ranked fifth in the world.

Jelen, ranked 48th in the world, lost the first set but rallied to beat Curren, No. 27, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 on the artificial court of the Yoyogi National stadium.

Third-seeded Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland also had to fight back for a 6-7(4-7), 6-3, 6-2 triumph over American Richey Reneberg.

Fifth-seeded Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany beat American qualifier Patrick McNamee, a younger brother of John, 6-4, 6-2.

Veteran Andres Gomez of Ecuador, the sixth seed, crushed Hidehiko Tanizawa, who in September became the youngest male winner ever in the All-Japan Tennis Championship, 6-0, 6-2 in less than one hour.

"All his shots were much better than mine. I need more experience," the 17-year-old Tanizawa told reporters.

Da Goldie, the No.8 seed, beat fellow American Paul Chamberlin 6-4, 6-4 and Canadian Grant Connell downed American Scott Davis 6-3, 6-3.

Australian John Fitzgerald trounced Thomas Hogstedt of Sweden 6-3, 6-2.

Henri Leconte of France struggled to a first set tie-break but then easily wrapped up a 7-6(7-2), 7-6(7-4) triumph over Japan's Toshihisa Tsuchihashi.

Leif Shiras overwhelmed fellow American Tommy Ho 6-4, 6-2.

American Aaron Krickstein fought through two tie-breaks before downing Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia 6-3, 6-7(6-10), 7-6(7-4) in almost two hours.

Top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden meets Canadian qualifier Glenn Michibata in a first round match tomorrow.

## New cricket ground opened in Riqqa

# YMCA, Evergreen and Unity score easy wins



Brig Al Khadur opens the new ground.



The BKME and YMCA teams before the exhibition match at the new ground.

## Racehorses die in stable fire

SYDNEY, Oct 17. (Reuter): Twenty-three racehorses, worth more than \$760,000 were killed overnight in two separate stable fires in Australia, police said today.

About 30 horses were rescued as fires spread through the stables of trainers Peter Miers in Sydney and Graham Turner in Melbourne late last night.

A spokesman said police were investigating the cause of the fires but it was too early to say whether they were started deliberately.

Racing officials said all the dead horses, mainly pacers and trotters, were of prime racing stock.

YMCA, helped by some excellent fielding and confident batting, thrashed Morning Star by eight wickets in a Malhotra Trophy match, organised by Unity Cricketers, at the EPI ground on Friday.

Morning Star skipper Anjum won the toss and opted to bat but lost their first wicket when the score was only 20. Kamal hit 31 and Sohail remained unbeaten on 42 as Morning Star scored 158 for the loss of seven wickets in the 22 allotted overs.

For YMCA, Salim took three wickets in six overs while Arun and Imran got one scalp each.

Imtiaz and Ajit opened the innings for YMCA and took the score to 54 before the latter was out. Salim joined Imtiaz and further boosted the score until Imtiaz was out for 46.

Hafiz and Salim then tore the Morning Star attack apart as they hit all the bowlers at will. Salim and Hafiz remained unbeaten on 40 and 46 respectively as YMCA scored the winning runs without further loss.

YMCA will now meet Starlite on Friday, Oct 27.

A day earlier YMCA were engaged in the opening of a new cricket ground in Riqqa. The new ground was opened by Brigadier Mohammed Saad Al Khadur, assistant director Ahmadi governorate. Al Khadur was accompanied by Col. Salim Mousalam, Al Mouazari, chief of Ahmadi police and Col. Atala Al Farhan, chief of Wafra police.

To mark the opening, an exhibition match was played between BKME and YMCA.

Earlier in the day the draw for the Good-Year Trophy, sponsored by Abdul Hadi Al Mailem,

was held. The first games of the tournament start on the Oct 20, morning at 9 am between Quaid-e-Millat — Morning Star and Deccan Blue — Capri in the afternoon at 1 pm. There are 12 teams entering the tournament and they are divided into two groups.

Group A: Union, Blue Star, Kokan, Quaid-e-Millat, Young Fighters, Morning Star. Group B: BKME, West Coasters, YMCA, PCC, Deccan Blues, Capri.

Evergreen also had an easy Friday when they smashed Al Ahli Bank by 46 runs in the first match of the Al Athla Trophy at the Sabah Al Salem Grounds.

Batting first, Evergreen piled up 209 runs at the loss of 6 wickets which included a superb

inning of 73 runs from opener

In reply, they kept fall-

length and later had him bowled for a poor score.

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A spectacular performance

with bat and ball from Robin

enabled Unity to beat Al Mulla

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Friday league match.

Al Mulla, batting first, started

off with a bang — Tariq being

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Robin, with his third delivery,

trapped Hassan lbw for no score

to record the first hat-trick of the season. Only a robust 58 from

Khalid towards the end took Al

Mulla to a fighting score of 171

for 7 in 29 overs.

Robin was the mainstay of the

Unity team taking 4 for 21 in 6

overs. Irfan and Shabbir took a

total of 10 wickets in 11 overs.

Shabbir and Robin took up

the challenge and proceeded to

produce a solid partnership

of 15 boundaries and two

mighty sixes. When time was

called at the end of 29 overs the

Colts total stood at an imposing 224 for 4 wickets with Rovile and Roy ending the Colts

innings with a flourish to remain not out in 19 and 10 respectively.

Chasing a target of 7.72 runs per over, the Flying Arrows

batsmen were never in contention

and finished off with 141

overs. Verold with 29, Saleem and Ashok with 16 and 22 were the main contributors to the

Flying Arrows total.

Chris, Hiran and the young

debutant Hajireen shared the

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